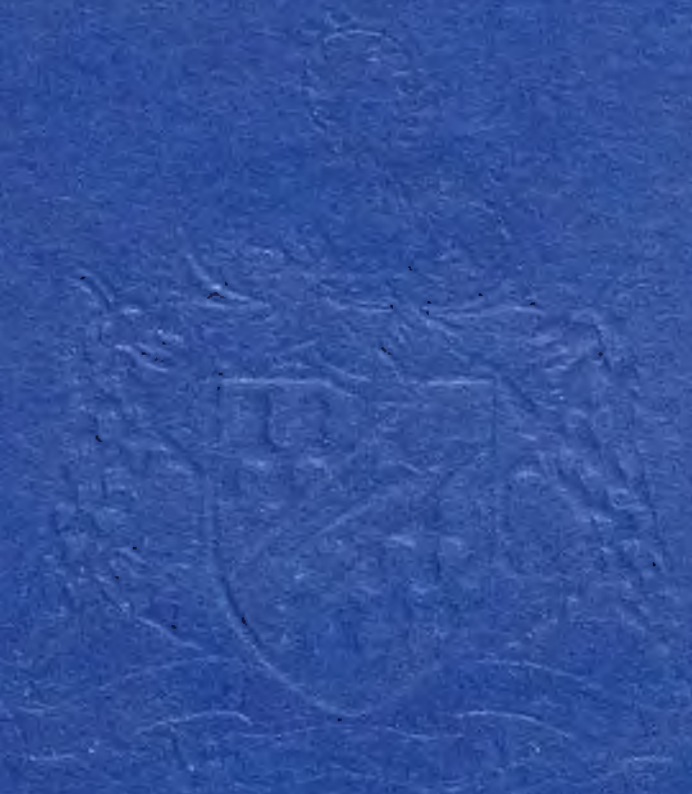




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Editorial

In our last issue we appealed for more contributions of a higher literary standard befitting the *new Elizabethan* era, to mark not only the occasion of our young Queen's Coronation but also the beginning of the second half century of this magazine's existence. Our appeal was answered in full measure, if in some cases somewhat tardily. Never before have we received so many reports of adventures worthy of the times and well described, nor so much material of good literary merit depicting adventures of the mind. We congratulate and thank our many contributors, and hope that those for whom space could not be found this time will not be too disappointed by their omission but will want to submit fresh efforts for inclusion in our autumn number. The flame of literary inspiration which seems kindled by the incitement and emotion of these glorious days must not be allowed to die out. It must be fed and nurtured by new physical and mental experience.

In these pages there is abundant evidence of the urge for new experience of both body and mind. Certain it is that in recent months the *new Elizabethan* spirit has been stirring in our midst. Letters and reports of adventures in all parts of the world from Iceland to Tasmania, from Spain to California, with tales of exploration in little known homeland water-ways, travelling gently but arduously in fragile canoe, and evidence of the craze for speed through the formation of a Motor Enthusiasts' Club, show considerable catholicity of taste and variety of outlet for the restless human spirit.

The year so far has been marked by much feverish activity both in and out of School, beginning with our celebrations of fifty years at Westbere Road and concluding to date with the official opening of the new buildings at the Preparatory School at Flower Lane. "Ruddigore" and the Coronation celebrations, with the Lower School visit to the Fleet Review at Spithead, and many minor excursions, have all been disturbing incidents on the way. The essential work of the School, including a certain amount of academic study with examinations in view, has somehow gone on—but not without interruption! It says much for the spirit of the age that in spite of so many distractions the work has been done and much

of it well done. And, after all, it is not the School's task merely to help a boy to pass examinations—its main task is *to help him to achieve his full personality* so that when he leaves School he may give to the world the best of which he is capable. Much will, of course, depend upon the boy himself, and in this *new Elizabethan* age his task is well summed up in the words of Walt Whitman in his poem "*To a Pupil*" :

"Go, dear friend! if need be, give up all else, and commence today
to inure yourself to pluck, reality, self-esteem, definiteness, elevatedness ;
Rest not, till you rivet and publish yourself of your own personality."

There is really no excuse if a boy does not develop his full personality during his years in *this* School. He has abundant scope, as this magazine will reveal. If you, dear reader, feel frustrated, inhibited, out of touch with the spirit of the age, then read on and see what can and has been done in the enjoyment of a full life. If, on the other hand, you love variety and already live a full life, then enjoy the adventures of others seeking to fulfil themselves in their own special ways, the ways of the *new Elizabethans*.

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J. M. NEWTON

J. N. POLLOCK
M. O. NEWTON

A. M. NEWTON
J. A. ROBBINS

House Captains :

Calverts:
Hendersons:
Joblings:

M. J. KEEN
J. N. POLLOCK
A. M. NEWTON

Meadows: G. H. SILVEY
Russells: J. A. ROBBINS
Strouts: L. D. SUPRAN

Captains of Games :

Athletics:
Basket Ball:
Boxing:
Cricket:
Cross Country:

G. H. SILVEY
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Rugby: A. M. NEWTON
Shooting: G. H. SILVEY
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Senior N.C.O's, C.C.F.: D. J. MACONACHIE and G. H. SILVEY

School Librarian :

J. M. NEWTON

De Omnibus Rebus

Early in the Spring Term we were pleased to welcome to the School Staff Mr. J. Welbourne, B.A. (Exeter College, Oxford). He has joined the Classics department and assists with the C.C.F.

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At the end of the Spring Term we bade farewell to Dr. G. D. West, whom we had so recently congratulated on gaining his Ph.D. at London University. He left us after a stay of 5 years to join the Modern Languages Staff of the Hulme Grammar School, Manchester.

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In his place we welcomed at the beginning of the Summer Term Mr. J. A. Hood-Daniel, M.A., from Llandovery College, S. Wales, who has also replaced Dr. West as an officer of the C.C.F.

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Other changes in Staff will also take place shortly : Mr. A. G. Kinder, B.A., who joined us only last September on a temporary basis, is leaving to take up a permanent appointment on the Modern Languages Staff of Sale County Grammar School, Manchester ; Mr. D. L. Bothwell, B.A., who has done so much to develop an enthusiasm for Chess in the Lower School, is to take up an important post as a Mathematics Tutor under the Sudan Government, and Mr. K. M. Beynon, M.A., Senior Mathematics Master, is to visit the U.S.A. for one year under the auspices of the British Committee for the inter-change of teachers between Britain and the U.S.A. He will change places with Mr Theodore Ricci of the High School, Hingham, Mass., U.S.A., to whom we offer a very warm welcome.

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Capt. (S). G. F. Pine, C.B.E., R.N. (Ret)., who had been Clerk to the Governors for the past year, died in hospital on March 8th.

His sudden and tragic passing was deeply regretted by his many friends in the School and his cheery presence will be sadly missed.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Mrs. Pine in her grievous loss.

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Mr. J. M. G. Bell has been appointed to succeed Capt. Pine and to him we extend a cordial welcome.

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The Preparatory School Department under Mr. Lewin has welcomed two new members of Staff during the past year ; Miss H. M. Wosencroft and Mr. J. H. A. Eames, M.A., of St. Edmund Hall, Oxford. Miss B. M. Field leaves at the end of this term to become a House-mistress at Westonbirt School.

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We congratulate the Headmaster and Mrs. Taylor on the arrival of a son and heir, Jeremy Swinnerton, born 12th March.

Congratulations to B. F. Hunter on the award of an open Scholarship in Chemistry at St. John's College, Oxford, and to J. M. Newton on the award of an Exhibition in English at Downing College, Cambridge ; also to B. F. Hunter and M. J. Keen on the offer to them of entrance Scholarships at the Imperial College of Science and Technology, University of London.

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Congratulations to J. M. Bancroft on his selection by the Council for Education in World Citizenship as one of the six British Youth representatives at the Easter Seminar held at Haus Schwalbach, Germany, under the auspices of C.E.W.C. France, Switzerland and Germany were the other nations represented at the Seminar.

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Congratulations also to M. A. Phillips who has been selected by the London District Council of C.E.W.C. to represent London Youth at the European Youth Rally to be held in Edinburgh, under the auspices of the C.E.W.C., during the period of the Edinburgh Festival, from August 22nd to 29th.

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Congratulations to the following on their appointments : J. A. Robbins, M. O. Newton, A. J. H. Skrimshire and W. D. M. Oeters as *School Prefects* : R. A. S. Attenborough, J. M. Bancroft, S. T. Farrand, R. E. Jefford, B. F. Hunter, R. B. Jones, J. M. Kellett, A. J. Pangalos, C. B. Perkins, N. Ridge, G. Rogers, P. F. Spencer, J. L. Verbov and H. E. Couch as *Sub-Prefects* : A. M. Barrow, E. R. Bastin, M. A. Bennett, J. M. Burgess, S. A. Crossick, L. S. Fine, N. A. Fuller, F. L. Gardner, W. A. G. Gross, R. Howell, P. D. Jarman, F. J. Kent, R. M. Kipps, D. J. Leverton, J. C. Lord, M. J. Nash, M. F. Neale, J. W. Rotheroe, J. H. Routley, M. Sarner, T. Skwara, M. A. Thompson and K. F. Trott to *Sixth Form Privileges*.

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At the beginning of the Summer Term, J. N. Pollock was appointed *Captain of Cricket* and D. J. Maconachie, *Vice-Captain*, for the 1953 season.

At the end of the Spring Term *Rugby Colours* were re-awarded to H. E. Couch ; new awards were made to A. M. Newton, J. N. Pollock, M. O. Newton, J. T. Farrand and K. G. Avery.

Boxing Colours were re-awarded to M. O. Newton, A. M. Newton, J. M. Newton and M. J. Nash ; new awards were made to F. L. Gardner and J. J. Hanson.

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The House Rugby Competition was won for the second year running by Joblings, who also won the Seven-a-side Competition.

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Calverts won the *Senior Boxing Competition* and the Littlefield Cup for *Cross-Country Running*.

The School was represented by several members of the Fifth and Sixth Forms at the C.E.W.C. London District Council Conference on World Affairs held in the Imperial Institute, South Kensington, on Saturday, February 20th.

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Later the same day nearly 30 senior boys attended an Anglo-French Social, at which Mr. Campbell shared the duties of M.C., organised by The Franco-British Society and The Lycée Français in the buildings of the Lycée at South Kensington. In return the boys undertook to entertain at least one French guest from the Lycée in their own homes at an early date. It is hoped that such opportunities for developing Franco-British understanding will occur at regular and frequent intervals.

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Owing to the influenza epidemic during the Spring Term, The Operatic Society's presentation of the Gilbert and Sullivan opera "*Ruddigore*" had to be postponed from March until May 19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd.

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The British Red Cross Society conducted its second examination this year in First Aid, for members of the S.S.U. on Friday, May 29th. All candidates passed on each occasion, both for the elementary and the advanced certificates.

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School Coronation Celebrations began on Thursday, May 28th, with a visit to the School by the Chairman of the Governors, Col. Phillip Bull, who, after a brief address to the boys on the subject of the Coronation presented everyone, including Masters, boys and kitchen staff, with a special book called "*The Coronation Book, 1953*," by William Le Hardy, M.C., B.A., F.S.A., Each copy was inscribed with the name of the recipient and the Company's Crest with the words "Presented to by the WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF HABERDASHERS and the GOVERNORS OF THE ASKE'S SCHOOLS in commemoration of THE CORONATION of HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II. on 2nd June, 1953."

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Later the same day the whole School paid a visit to a matinée performance of "*Hamlet*" at the Embassy Theatre, Hampstead, by kind invitation of the Hampstead Borough Council.

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The School was closed for the period of Coronation Week, June 1st to June 5th. A large number of boys took the opportunity not only of seeing the Coronation Processions at various points along the route on June 2nd, but also of welcoming Her Majesty the Queen to Hampstead on the occasion of her Royal Drive through N.W. London on June 4th—special places were allotted the School through the kindness of the Hampstead Borough Council.

On Coronation Day itself a party of nearly 40 boys, representing every form in the School, proceeded in the care of Mr. Cooper and Mr. Barling to the Embankment to watch the Royal Procession to the Abbey, under arrangements made by courtesy of the L.C.C.

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The celebrations were concluded on Tuesday, June 9th, when the whole School, split into two parties, visited either the Grange Cinema, Kilburn, or the Odeon Cinema, Swiss Cottage, to see the special colour film of The Coronation "*A Queen is Crowned*," again at the kind invitation of the Hampstead Borough Council, who also very generously presented each boy with a quarter pound of chocolate.

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The School Swimming Gala was held as usual in the Marshall Street Baths on Friday, June 19th. The occasion was again marked by a superb diving display by the British Olympic diver Mr. Peter Elliot.

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The General Certificate of Education Examinations of the Joint Board of Oxford and Cambridge Universities began at Advanced and Scholarships levels on June 22nd, and at Ordinary Level on July 9th.

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The Preparatory School Sports were held at Chase Lodge on Friday, July 3rd.

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The official opening of the new Preparatory School buildings took place on the morning of Wednesday, July 8th, at Flower Lane, Mill Hill.

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Commendation Day was celebrated on the afternoon of July 8th, at Westbere Road. The Dean of Wadham College, Oxford, an Old Haberdasher, presented the Prizes and Trophies. A report will appear in our next issue.

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The Music Club of The Haberdashers' Aske's Acton Girls School will visit Westbere Road on Monday, July 20th, and participate in a concert jointly with the School Music Society, directed by Dr. McLellan. The Concert will begin at 5.0 p.m.

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The Preparatory School will hold Open Days at Flower Lane on the 23rd and 24th of July.

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The Lower School Sports will be held at Chase Lodge on Saturday, July 25th, beginning at 2.0 p.m.



A WOODCUT
by M. J. KEEN, *Via Sc.*

FIFTY YEARS AT WESTBERE ROAD



COL. BULL, *Chairman of the Governors*, SPEAKING AT SCHOOL'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY
IN PRESENT BUILDINGS

"THE ROBERT ASKE"



LAUNCHING OF NEW SHELL EIGHT, 14TH MAY, 1953

Photo by C. M. Cummins

The annual School Confirmation Service will take place at St. Francis Church, Gladstone Park, on Tuesday, October 13th, at 8.0 p.m. It will be conducted by the Bishop of Willesden. Parents and friends of all boys concerned are cordially invited to be present.

The annual Carol Service will take place as usual in the church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, on Thursday, December 17th, commencing at 3.0 p.m.

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The Autumn Term, 1953, begins on Wednesday, September, 23rd, and ends on Friday, December 18th; half-term will be on November 2nd.

The Spring Term, 1954, begins on Wednesday, January 13th, and ends on Wednesday, March 31st; half-term will be on February 22nd.

The Summer Term, 1954, begins on Wednesday, April 28th, and ends on Tuesday, July 27th; half-term will be on June 7th.

The Autumn Term, 1954, begins on Wednesday, September 22nd, and ends on Friday, December 17th; half-term will be on November 1st.

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Fifty Years at Westbere Road: 1903—1953

On the first day of the Spring Term, Wednesday, 14th January, 1953, the School celebrated its fiftieth anniversary at Westbere Road.

The Commemoration Ceremony began at 12 noon, after the routine business of the first day of term had been completed. The whole School assembled in the Hall in the presence of the Master and four Wardens of the Worshipful Company of Haberdashers, School Governors, former Staff and Old Boys, some of whom had been present as boys at the opening ceremony of fifty years ago. The Assembly was presided over by Colonel Philip Bull, Chairman of the Governors, who called upon the Headmaster to speak. Dr. Taylor gave a brief account of the ancient history of the Haberdashers' Company and related how the School had come to be founded in 1690 in Hoxton through the beneficence of Robert Aske, a Freeman of the Company, who had died on 27th January, 1688, leaving an estate of nearly £32,000 for the foundation of a Charity, and a School. The School, established by Act of Parliament on 20th December, 1690, opened in 1692 and remained in Hoxton until 1898, its buildings having been rebuilt in 1825 and in 1875, in which latter year two other Aske' Schools had been opened at Hatcham in S.E. London. In 1898 the School removed from Hoxton to temporary accommodation at Cricklewood and occupied two houses near the Broadway, pending the completion of the new buildings at Westbere Road. The Girls' School at Acton came into being about the same time, thus completing the Aske foundations. The Hampstead School opened eventually on

13th January, 1903, with about 300 boys. Today, Dr. Taylor concluded, the School has 840 pupils and 48 members of staff.

After these opening remarks regarding the nature and importance of the occasion the Headmaster said that the opening service of 13th January, 1903, would be repeated in almost every detail. We began with the hymn "*Now thank we all our God*," followed by the lesson from Proverbs VIII, read by the School Captain, and the hymn "*O God Our Help in Ages Past*." The service concluded with prayers and the blessing given by the School Chaplain, the Rev. H. E. Farrington.

The Master of the Worshipful Company of Haberdashers, Lt. Colonel John Bamford-Smith, O.B.E., T.D., then spoke. He began by wishing all present a happy New Year and by expressing his fervent desire for a happy and peaceful reign for our gracious young Queen, Elizabeth II. He then declared his pride in the School and his gratitude to all who had done so much for the School, especially those gathered together on the platform that day. Some amusing references to the original 1690 Statutes of the Hoxton Hospital were followed by a quotation from the Visitors' Book dated 17th January, 1836, in which the Master of the day had written remarks about the School's poor ventilation and its need for more fresh air, whilst deriding the *feather-bedding* of the pupils and recommending that boys should sleep on mattresses. Col. Bamford-Smith thought that such delvings into the past were often interesting and amusing, but he said there must also be a looking forward into the future. Boys *must* think of the future; and he went on to offer helpful advice which he thought they could and should remember throughout life. Firstly, that this great, little Island of ours, this England, more than ever before, is an example to the world of freedom and justice and of all that we hold dear. Secondly, that good education, as typified by our School, is something precious, something that is left to us when other things may have gone. The Master then stressed the importance of personality, character and integrity in the individual; if boys were to be leaders of men one day, they must have these qualities. He said that the alpha and omega of life were not the making of money, but the happiness in work; and he urged the boys not merely to do just their work but to do a *little bit more*. To be a genius one must keep at it and not give up. Genius and enthusiasm, he added, were much the same at the start. Boys of today must at all costs avoid the devilish modern mode of C.C.L.—*couldn't care less*. Life contains so many interesting things to do said Col. Bamford-Smith.

In conclusion he declared that he would record in the Visitors' Book at the Vintners' Hall that "*on Wednesday, 14th January, 1953 the Master and Wardens of the Haberdashers' Company visited Robert Aske's School at Hampstead and found everything to their satisfaction; the*

boys were healthy and happy. In consequence the half-term holiday shall be increased by one day."

This announcement was greeted with loud cheers from the School.

Alderman W. R. Clemens, a Governor of the School and himself an Old Boy who had participated as a pupil in the ceremony of fifty years ago, then rose to give some reminiscences of his school-days in the early part of this century. He said he had been a boy of 14 at the time of the School's opening and the only thing he could clearly remember was that most of the Governors seemed to be bald headed! The Chairman was always bald, he thought, but today Col. Bull had broken that tradition! Eventually by election, he, Alderman Clemens, had himself become a Governor of his old School and had developed a bald head as a result of the anxieties the office entailed! He went on to compare his School life of half-a-century ago with that of today—he particularly stressed the lack of games facilities in his day and deplored the fact that the Governors had not bought more land around the School for playing fields. He also stated that the academic side of School life had been very restricted in his day; it had been confined mainly to History, Geography and Mathematics. He, personally, had hated Maths. but subsequently became an accountant. He had, however, learnt much useful Geography through map-drawing which had stood him in good stead in after life. He made affectionate references to his old Headmaster, Mr. Hinton, "Soccar" as he was called (from the wisdom of Socrates), and spoke of the high regard and esteem in which he was held. Finally, Alderman Clemens spoke of the tremendous educational advances of the last fifty years—from the age of the penny-farthing bicycle to that of jet propulsion, from the age of few Scholarships to the day when one county, like Middlesex, spent £18,000,000 *in one year* on Education. "Today, with God's help, we can make something of our lives," he added.

But before closing he asked the Headmaster to grant the School a half holiday that day to mark the occasion on behalf of the Old Boys present. The Head graciously acceded to this request.

The proceedings of the day were then brought to a close by the School Captain who proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the visitors and called upon the School to give them three rousing cheers. Finally we all sang "*God Save the Queen.*"

A special lunch for the visitors and senior members of Staff was afterwards served in the Dining Hall; the School meantime dispersed homewards to enjoy the remainder of this memorable day as it pleased.

G.S.C.

Lower School Notes

Spring Term, which began with the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the School on its present site, was marked by two visitations of influenza which more than decimated the School in the last weeks of January and March. In each the absence list reached one in five of the Lower School population. This was one of the reasons for the postponement until the week before Whitsun of the Operatic Society's production of "Ruddigore," in which a considerable number of L.S. boys took part. The work they put in at the numerous rehearsals deserves recognition; of their enjoyment of the four performances there was no doubt.

We were lucky with weather for games during the term; and the two under 13½ fifteens, in their fixtures with Emanuel School, demonstrated the value of the coaching they had received from Mr. Barling and Mr. Nicholas. The boxing team had a successful season, and M. R. Hunt (captain), N. Healey, D. Mercer, and G. F. Strange are to be congratulated on gaining their Junior Colours. Societies, especially the Literary and Debating, Natural History, Chess, and Puppet Clubs had a busy term, and their activities are continuing during the summer. A tennis tournament is in process of being played off, and numerous boys have received coaching. Cricket enthusiasts enjoyed a talk from Mr. Godfrey Evans earlier in the year; and the Junior XI, under the efficient care of Mr. Thomas, has had a good start to the season. Fuller reports of all these will appear in due course.

We congratulate the following who have represented the School as junior members of the Athletic's team: B. M. Shaw (who did especially well), P. R. Bartlett, J. A. Churchland, K. L. Davis, A. E. Fuller, N. Healey, J. W. Redington and J. A. Vogler, and similarly, these who have been junior representatives in Swimming matches: B. E. Cramb, D. I. Garrod, R. Hesselberger, A. Leil, R. F. Leverton, A. J. Martin, C. I. Ohrenstein, T. C. Roberts, P. J. Steed, T. V. Stout, and G. F. Strange. The Lower School Captain, I. D. Scofield, has played for the Colts XI. I should like to express my thanks to him, and to the Vice-captain, A. A. Woodford, for the way they have worked together to carry out their duties so efficiently throughout the year.

As usual we have thoroughly enjoyed our contests with the Preparatory School. Honours are even, for they gained a decisive victory over us in the football match while we won the boxing match by a clear margin.

The flood disasters on the east coast called forth a generous contribution to the relief fund from members of the Lower School and their parents, with 1a in the lead, followed by 1b. We are grateful to M. A. Carmody, E. K. C. Clements, R. M. Denyer, P. D. Eschrich, A. H. Roberts, and D. G. Wilson, and their parents

for giving hospitality to German boys spending a few days in London shortly before Easter.

The L. S. Work and Conduct Shield was won for the Spring Term by Russells, with Strouts as runners-up. It was pleasing to note the comparatively small number of detentions awarded; 1b having got through the term without acquiring any, while 2s and 1s had only four each.

Summer Term was still young when the Coronation brought a welcome week's holiday, and much else. To the School Governors and the Borough of Hampstead we owe thanks for our coronation books, the performance of 'Hamlet,' the gift of chocolate, the showing of the film 'A Queen is Crowned,' and the places for seeing the Queen's drive to N.W. London. Fifteen L.S. boys were among the forty who were allocated places on Victoria Embankment, where they had an excellent view of the seven processions taking royal and distinguished guests to Westminster Abbey, and finally of Her Majesty and the Duke of Edinburgh. The arrangements made by the L.C.C. for the many thousands of juvenile spectators were entirely admirable, and we are grateful for their courtesy in offering us the places. A final 'high-light' was the day on which the L.S. party of nearly three hundred visited Portsmouth and embarked for a two-hour cruise among the warships assembled for the coronation Naval Review. We were lucky in having fine weather, and close-up views of all types of naval craft, from the battleship 'Vanguard' to submarines, of the foreign warships representing many nations, of the great liner 'United States,' and a number of helicopters, one of which landed on the deck of a carrier as we passed by.

J.F.C.

LOWER SCHOOL CHESS CLUB

During the past two terms, meetings of the club were held as usual on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays under the supervision of Mr. Bothwell. In the Autumn Term two matches consisting of Lower School players took place. These matches were against Christ's College Finchley and William Ellis school, of which the former was won $4\frac{1}{2}$ — $1\frac{1}{2}$ and the latter drawn 3—3. The team on both occasions was:—Tarlow, Fuller, Dallison, Goodman, Jain and Goldstone. During the Spring Term an experimental system of scoring for championship games was carried out successfully thanks to some budding mathematicians! A House tournament for the trophy was also held during the Spring Term but at the time of going to press the result was not definite but it will be won probably by either Calverts or Russells. This year the club enrolled 98 members and it is hoped that this number will be maintained in future years. In conclusion we would like to thank Mr. Bothwell who gives up much of his time to attend meetings, to those

members who picked the teams for the House competition i.e. Tarlow, Fuller, Dallison, Jain, Mitchell and Waldman, and finally to those members who attend meetings regularly.

M. J. TARLOW } *Joint Captains.*
A. E. FULLER }

LOWER SCHOOL LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

Five meetings were held during the Spring Term. At the first an "any questions?" session was held. At the second meeting Mr. Pinnells successfully proposed the motion that "This House considers the McCarran Act detrimental to world peace and trade." Our third meeting was devoted to a number of hot debates on widely varying subjects. At the fourth meeting Mr. Vogler failed to convince the Society that the expedition to climb Mount Everest was a waste of time, money and, possibly, lives. At the final meeting of the Society a mock election was held. This ended with Mr. Scofield, supporting the Conservatives, obtaining one more vote than Mr. Brittan for the Socialists.

The meetings, especially the last two were not as well attended as in previous years. In conclusion we should like to thank Mr. Craig for his guidance during the term.

L. BRITTAN, *Chairman.*
P. J. EGAN, *Hon. Secretary.*

LOWER SCHOOL NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

In the present season the Society has held over twenty meetings, most of which have been well attended. The following have given lectures :

D. G. Wilson on 'The Moon' and 'Cacti,' A. W. Johnson on 'Animal Camouflage,' G. J. B. Benfield on 'Crows,' A. G. Barnard on 'Spaniels,' D. Harris on 'Horses,' P. Yellow on 'Slowworms,' Mr. Cooper on 'Molluscs,' C. A. St. John on 'Frogs and Toads,' and D. Harris with P. Eisenegger on 'Some Species of Wild Flowers.'

We have also had two quizzes and a hat debate, in which D. Ridge, D. Harris, P. Harrington, C. A. St. John, and P. Yellow have been good speakers ; and five film meetings, in some of which we have used films kindly lent by the Upper School Society.

Finally, we have had a very successful excursion to the Lullingstone Castle silk farm, where we saw all the stages of the life of the silkworm from the egg to the cocoon and moth, and the processes of winding the silk off the cocoons into hanks for use or sale. A number of members came home with eggs and silkworms, many of which are still alive. We finished up with a walk on which we made collections of wild flowers growing on the chalky soil, and were surprised at the numbers we found.

We would like to thank all those who have attended regularly, and Mr. Cooper for all the help he has given us.

D. G. WILSON, *Chairman.*

A. W. JOHNSON, *Hon. Secretary.*

Our thanks are due also the Chairman and Secretary for their very keen interest and continued efforts on behalf of the Society throughout the year.

J.F.C.

THE PUPPET CLUB

The Puppet Club has once again had an industrious and enjoyable term. Although our membership has been restricted by the number required for the play in hand, our record for attendance is very good and the enthusiasm shown is most encouraging.

At the end of the Christmas term we visited the thoroughly interesting British Puppet and Model Theatre Guild's exhibition at Woburn Place. There was an added attraction, as some of our members were taken "behind the scenes" by the professional puppeteers, and shown "the tricks of the trade." This was an event which we all enjoyed immensely, and we look forward to this year's exhibition.

Our efforts this term have been concentrated on the production of a play entitled, "The Surprising Story of Alfred, Warder of the Tower." As its name suggests, it has a plot that will send shivers down many spines, and we warn you that we have some surprises up our sleeve!

A portable puppet theatre to be used on the School stage, is in the process of completion, and the play will be presented soon after the opera.

We should like to extend our gratitude to Mr. Browning and to Mr. Lear for their interest and advice; to Mr. Hickman for the use of his workshop; and to all our members who in various ways have contributed to the success of our efforts this term.

M. D. KUSTOW, *Hon. Sec.*

BLACKMAIL

On Wednesday the 18th of March a mock trial was held in room 5, under the kindly guidance of Mr. Cooper. After the clerk of the court had read the indictment the Counsel for the Prosecution stated his case, the charge being that the prisoner had blackmailed the plaintiff into drawing an entry for an art competition, which he subsequently entered as his own and won.

Counsel for the Prosecution opened with a lengthy speech, including many gesticulations, he then cross examined 3 witnesses who in turn were examined by Counsel for the Defence.

The latter then stated his case amid a few stoppages for lack of words. He called another 3 witnesses who were later examined by Counsel for Prosecution.

At this stage the usher interrupted proceedings to request certain rowdy elements of the second form to refrain from causing disturbances.

When Judge Rose had asked the court to proceed, the Counsel for the Prosecution produced a sheaf of drawings made by both prisoner and plaintiff and displayed them before the jury as "damning evidence." He then summoned up his case with another lengthy speech.

The Counsel for the Defence also summed up with a brief but to the point address.

The judge then asked the jury to retire, and 10 minutes later the usher brought them in. The foreman of the jury gave the verdict of "not guilty" amid an exciting hush.

So with much discussion on the verdict we departed home in our various ways.

D. E. RIDGLEY, 2s.

THE CORONATION NAVAL REVIEW

On June 11th, four days before the Naval Review, the Lower School, making a party of nearly three hundred masters and boys, went down for a cruise among the vessels assembled in the Spithead. We came to School at the usual time, and after getting milk and other supplies at the tuck-shop, we made our way in groups to Kilburn station and went by tube to Waterloo. Many other people were travelling, for the Trooping of the Colour. We dispersed for a short break on Waterloo station, where some bought programmes, and others patronised the slot machines; then we reassembled and got on the train which took us to Portsmouth Harbour in under two hours.

The weather was fine when we embarked on the *Whippingham* for our two-hour cruise. We followed a good part of the route the Queen was to use on the following Monday, first passing numbers of cruisers, destroyers, frigates, depot-ships, etc. Some of them had guns still encased in the plastic covering used to protect them when laid up. We were fortunate to see the great liner *United States*, which holds the blue riband of the Atlantic, sailing out from Southampton Water. Several of the big ships flew the flags of admirals, vice-admirals, or rear-admirals, and these were identified for us by masters who had served in or were connected with the Royal Navy. A number belonged to the Royal Australian, Canadian, and New Zealand navies. In contrast to the vessels at anchor, we were thrilled to see a line of submarines moving in to take up their review stations, looking dark and sinister.

Somewhere beyond the level of Ryde we turned and cruised past the great aircraft carriers, such as the *Sydney* (R.A.N.), *Illustrious*, *Implacable* (whose aircraft's spotting of the *Tirpitz* in

Tromso Fiord in 1944 led to her being sunk), and the *Eagle*—the most up-to-date, built to operate naval jet aircraft. She is so big that 263 double-decker buses could be stored in her two hangars, and her flight-deck is two acres in size. On our starboard side were the warships of foreign countries, having their national flags and those of the senior officers in charge. Naturally most people were interested in the Russian cruiser *Sverdlov*, and as we passed, some of the sailors in her bows did a cossack dance for our benefit. They seemed as interested in us as we were in them, and waved back at us. The Italian training ship *Amerigo Vespucci* is built exactly like Nelson's *Victory*. Finally we passed the French cruiser *Montcalm*, the American heavy cruiser *Baltimore* and, on the other side, our great battleship *Vanguard*.

There was plenty of activity in the air ; and at one time a group of about eight helicopters made an unusual sight. We were especially lucky to see one land on the deck of a carrier as we glided by. Finally we turned back to Portsmouth Harbour. On the return train each boy received a carton of orange squash to go with whatever food he had left—we were all thirsty. We were lucky because the rain did not arrive until we were half-way back to London. We all enjoyed the trip, and were glad to have the opportunity to see such a marvellous assembly of ships. Most of us will never forget those ships, stretching away, line after line, far to the distant west.

Thoughts before falling asleep

by H. PEDOE, 3s.

My uncle's husband is a very good sister to me, she plaits my hair and presses my trousers at noon every day and always has some porridge and garlic for me when I come in from school. She climbs Mount Everest once every six minutes, that's why our teaspoons are so well polished, and the pet leech has got fleas in its kennel.

In between whiles she carves jet engines out of guavo which is left in the petrol tank in the radio set. Although these are better if they are postmarked, Chivers Jam have placed an order for two million. I hope the boomerang holds out—she has to keep sharpening it with her toothbrush.

By the time she has started the first one, Bed Bug and Co. will have the monopoly of the arsenic tooth-pick industry, and foreign relations with dreamland will cause sleepless nights to many people. O well, any way, I wonder if

My Cat

by D. P. GILBY, 3a.

Christened by the name of Kitty.
Like a black ball warm and fluffy.
Full of life, and health, and vigour.
Running with the speed of a cheetah
Through the garden, where the bushes
Seem to her to be a jungle,
Twisting, turning like a black streak
Full of overwhelming madness . . .

Curled up by the burning coal-fire.
Light reflecting in her pupils.
Stirring, then, like a flash of lightning
Madly round the house she's rushing.
And her teeth, and pads of needles
Clawing, kicking, scratching, biting
Like a little witch or devil . . .
Suddenly she's quiet and peaceful,
And the rumble of her purring
Fills the room where she is lying
Curled up in some lap or armchair,
Resting after her exertions,
Passing to the land of slumber.

My Hobby

by K. ODY, 1s.

Recently I began a new hobby which is *stamp collecting* and I find it very interesting. The countries from Aden to Zululand cover all the world except for the oceans. I found that Britain is the only country in the world which does not show the name of the country on her stamp. Some stamps have doubles—for instance I have two Argentine stamps, one shows the tip of Argentine while the other shows the tip of Argentine and some of the South Pole; both stamps are of the same value. Stamp collecting is said to have been begun by a schoolmaster who stuck these stamps in an atlas on the country to which they belonged. He did this to encourage the boys to learn geography.

Preparatory School Notes

As usual there seems a good deal to report so far as the two Winter Terms are concerned. We were very pleased to welcome Miss M. J. Lear to the staff in September. Rather more than twenty new boys arrived to make up our number to a hundred—the maximum until the extra building could be completed. After the necessary licences had been obtained, the work was finished before Christmas, and thus for January we were able to offer a further forty places to new boys, including some of very tender age. Miss H. M. Wozencroft and Mr. J. H. A. Eames joined the staff, much to our good fortune. Thus since the New Year we have had our full numbers of staff and boys, and a fine building and grounds in a very pleasant situation. The official opening of the new building will take place in the summer.

The Christmas Term was thus a little disturbed by the presence of large numbers of workmen about the School and from time to time of even larger numbers of prospective new boys and their parents attending for interviews or examinations. However we managed to preserve our accustomed activities. The football team soon showed itself to be probably the strongest we have yet had, judging by results at any rate. For the first time we went through the whole season undefeated, winning 11 out of 14 matches, and drawing the other 3. The full results were as follows:—

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October 17th	<i>v.</i>	Lochinver House School (H)	Won	9—1
October 22nd	<i>v.</i>	Belmont (A)	Won	15—1
October 30th	<i>v.</i>	Hendon Prep. School (A)	Won	4—0
November 7th	<i>v.</i>	Wellington School (H)	Drawn	1—1
November 14th	<i>v.</i>	Hendon Prep. School (A)	Won	7—1
November 21st	<i>v.</i>	Belmont (H)	Won	10—1
November 28th	<i>v.</i>	Beaufort Lodge (H)	Won	5—2
December 11th	<i>v.</i>	Lower School Ex-Prep.	Won	7—0

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March 6th	<i>v.</i>	Wellington School (H)	Drawn	2—2
March 13th	<i>v.</i>	Lochinver House School (H)	Won	15—1
March 17th	<i>v.</i>	Wellington School (A)	Drawn	4—4
March 19th	<i>v.</i>	Lochinver House School (A)	Won	5—2
March 25th	<i>v.</i>	Belmont (A)	Won	9—2
March 22nd	<i>v.</i>	Belmont (H)	Won	7—0

Played 14, Won 11, Lost 0. Goals For, 102, Against, 19.

The whole team is to be congratulated on these fine results. During the season football colours were reawarded to the captain, M. G. Vaughan, to the vice-captain, J. D. Harris, and to P. J. Brasier, and J. Coombes. They were awarded to M. G. Ewer, C. A. Kaye, J. A. Williams, R. E. Haslehurst, and P. M. Robbins. Others who played in the side included Carrington and Simons. The House football competition, spread over two terms, was won by St. George's with St. Patrick's runners-up. St. George's also led in the competition for the house shield, with St. Patrick's and St. Andrew's striving to occupy second place. Various out-of-school activities were organised, which included dramatics and play acting, chess, crafts, puppetry, nature study, model railways, meccano, stamp collecting, and a variety of other hobbies, all of which are continued through the bulk of the Winter Terms. Extra tuition with gymnasium was available in apparatus work and in boxing. At the end of the Christmas Term there was the usual Christmas party, which we very much enjoyed. The customary carol service was held in St. Michael's Church on 17th December, attended by many parents and friends.

The Easter Term in retrospect seemed even more busy. The forty new boys soon settled down well, and the extra space gave us plenty of scope for much activity. Boxing was introduced as an official School sport and two matches were held, against the first form of the Lower School on 26th February, in which we creditably won 4 out of 12 bouts, and against Dulwich College Prep. School on 11th March, with whom, even more creditably in view of our inexperience, we boxed a draw of 6 bouts each. The inter-House boxing trophy, presented by Mrs. Peebles to whom we are very grateful, was won by St. Patrick's. An inter-House cross-country race was also arranged and this too was won by St. Patrick's. J. Coombes and N. G. Allen were the individual winners of the senior and junior races respectively. During the term form outings took place to the Express Dairy at Cricklewood, Stonebridge Foundry, the Science, the Royal United Services, and the Natural History Museum, and Mill Hill Fire Station. The two senior forms also attended an illustrated lecture on the Coronation in Mill Hill Library. Mr. Godfrey Evans, the Kent and England wicket-keeper, visited us on 12th March. On 25th March, the customary annual parents' meeting was held at Flower Lane. At the end of term form plays and a puppet play were presented. By then the leading house was St. George's still followed by St. Andrew's. Charity collections amounted since September to just over £50, leaving another £25 to get to reach our ambitious Coronation year target of £75. We are, however, determined to achieve it. R.A.L.

Rugby Football, 1952-1953

This has been a chequered season indeed, but one which all have thoroughly enjoyed. Injuries and sickness might well have disorganised arrangements disastrously at times had it not been for the cheerful readiness with which so many consented (often with the scantiest notice) to be switched from team to team. This spirit of helpfulness has matched the keenness, detectable everywhere in the club, to represent the School in matches and, if possible, to represent it competently. True, alas, the First XV record scarcely looks impressive, but none rue the fact more than the members of the side themselves, who realize only too well that it was the rash offside, the lack of pace or enterprise, or the fumbled pass, at the critical moment, which so often cheated them of well-deserved victory. The experience they have gained has been all the more solid for having cost so much, and should stand them in good stead during the remainder of their playing days, both at School and afterwards. Particularly useful has been the experience which the many newcomers to the side have gained, for a large proportion of them have moved straight from the Colts XV into the First XV—a transition, incidentally, which they have all justified by their spirited play.

It is by now almost a routine matter to congratulate the Second XV on a most successful season, but it is all the more necessary to do so on this occasion because of the repeated changes which adverse circumstances have necessitated in captaincy and personnel, and also because of the vigour and enthusiasm with which all have entered into Wednesday practices.

R. M. Kipps has rarely had the same Third XV at his command for two consecutive matches, but it has certainly not been his fault that the general standard of play and performance has not been higher. He has always set his team a stalwart example.

Among the Colts are several most promising players, some of whom are both robust and capable enough to warrant places in next season's First XV if they maintain form. To serve as recruits for the Colts XV next year there will be a number of competent players arriving from the Lower School in September, who are already experienced in match play, as a result of two matches arranged for an Under 13½ XV with Emanuel School during the recent Spring Term. The Emanuel boys won each of these games, but from both our boys emerged creditably. It was a joy to watch boys so young heel neatly from loose-scrums and sweep down the field passing the ball with speed and confidence. It is hoped to arrange several more fixtures of this nature next season.

Already our gaze is turned forward. A list of fixtures is appended in the hope of increasing touch-line support. Parents and friends are always warmly welcome and their support is much

appreciated. Before taking leave of this season I would like to compliment A. M. Newton on his stalwart leadership and competent direction of club affairs. He has been loyally served by J. N. Pollock, who has also been assistant secretary to Mr. Crossman, to whom we all once again have owed so much, and to whom, with all other members of Staff who have readily helped us, our warm thanks are extended.

W.F.B.

CAPTAIN'S COMMENTS

Although the season has not been an outstanding one, this year's First XV has improved on the results of the last three seasons, and when one considers that the team was one of the youngest for a number of years—five members of last year's Colts XV having played for the side—the prospects for next season appear to be extremely bright.

The team has had its glorious moments as well as its depressing ones, and only in one match, the first of the season, did it really meet its masters. Among the First XV's more glorious moments were three hearty victories in the middle of the season against St. Dunstan's College, St. Edmund's College, Ware, and the R.A.F. Apprentices, Halton; its resolute defence during the second-half of the match against City of London School, which resulted in a draw and almost brought victory; the tremendous display of the forwards against Bedford Modern School, when their efforts merited a victory; and the praiseworthy determination of the team in reducing a twelve-point deficit at half-time to four points, in the second-half of the match against the Old Boys.

Throughout the season the light, but lively, pack has given excellent support to J. T. Farrand, who has obtained considerable success as hooker. Of the other forwards, mention must be made of H. E. Couch and M. O. Newton, whose efforts have been ceaseless and of immeasurable value to the side. The display of the three-quarters has been disappointing, only K. G. Avery, on the wing having shown any considerable thrust and scoring ability. As, however, they are all young and, as yet, a little inexperienced, the season will undoubtedly have been of considerable benefit to them in giving them the required experience for next year. M. L. Cleveland is, possibly, the most promising of them, his kicking having been a considerable asset to this year's First XV. J. N. Pollock at fly-half soon became accustomed to his new position, and has been a powerful force in the team.

Despite a depressingly large number of injuries, the season has been a thoroughly enjoyable one, and rarely can a captain have been supported by such excellent team-spirit and enthusiasm.

I should like to congratulate the Second XV on yet another remarkable season, having won ten of their eleven matches. In particular their victory over the Old Boys was an outstanding

achievement. The Third and Colts XV's have had disappointing seasons as far as results can show, but they contain many promising individuals who should serve School Rugby well in the near future.

Finally, I should like to thank Mr. Barling for his untiring interest and encouragement, Mr. Galley for the excellent condition of the pitches, and J. N. Pollock for his co-operation both on and off the field, and to wish every success to School Rugby in the future.

A. M. NEWTON.

FIRST XV CHARACTERS

NEWTON, A. M. (*Captain*)—A plucky and resourceful scrum-half, most sound in defence, giving a generous service to the backs, and an inspiring lead to the entire team.

POLLOCK, J. N. (*Vice-Captain*)—A valuable stand-off, somewhat lacking in pace but possessing a neat swerve and useful tactical kick.

AVERY, K. G.—A hard-running, thrustful wing threequarter, with a useful tackle and hand-off. He shows great promise.

CLEVELAND, M. L.—A promising, but as yet inexperienced, three-quarter. His kicking is excellent, his covering poor.

COUCH, H. E.—A very good back-row forward whose tireless efforts both in attack and defence have been of inestimable value.

FARRAND, J. T.—A sagacious, hard-working hooker whose activity in the loose has been most valuable, and whose backing-up has been an example to the three-quarters.

FREEMAN, M. M. R.—A solid front-row forward, a little slow, but of great use in the line-out and set scrum, and who tackles well.

KEEN, M. J.—A most enthusiastic, sometimes over-enthusiastic, blind-side wing-forward, always up with the play and quick to spoil. His tackling could be improved.

NEWTON, J. M.—An enterprising pack-leader who has done useful work in the loose and in passing movements, and set a stalwart example.

NEWTON, M. O.—A tall, solidly built front-row forward who has been a tower of strength in all departments of the game.

OETERS, W. D. M.—A hard-running centre threequarter with a useful relieving kick, but lacking in a sense of position, and somewhat slow in defence.

PANGALOS, A. J.—A keen wing-forward, lacking slightly in speed and occasionally missing his man, but showing good promise.

ROBBINS, T. A.—A versatile forward, enterprising in attack and sound in defence, who will improve greatly with experience.

SARNER, M.—A speedy and most elusive centre-threequarters whose play has been spoilt by his frequent inability to combine with the rest of the team.

WALDMAN, B. L.—Has all the basic qualities of a solid and efficient full-back. He should now improve his kicking and positioning.

MATCH ACCOUNTS

Saturday, 27th September, 1952 v. Eltham College. (Home). Result: Lost.

School: 0 pts.—Eltham College (3 goals, 3 tries) 24 pts.

Due to the fact that Eltham obtained the ball consistently from the set-scrums and the line-out, the School were forced to defend for most of the game. Only spasmodic foot-rushes gave any relief, and these were quickly thwarted by some brilliant touch-kicking by the visitors. During the first-half the College's scoring was restricted to a goal and a try, but in the second-half they added four further tries, two of which were converted. Although defeated in the fight, the School forwards worked gallantly in the loose, but were badly let down by the three-quarters.

Team: D. J. Fulluck, M. L. Cleveland, W. D. M. Oeters, K. G. Avery, M. Sarnier, D. J. Maconachie, A. M. Newton, D. J. Leverton, T. J. Farrand, J. M. Newton, B. R. Wood, T. A. Robbins, H. E. Couch, M. O. Newton, A. J. Pangalos.

Saturday, 4th October, v. Royal Masonic School (Away). Result: Won.

School: (1 penalty goal, 1 try) 6pts.—*R.M.S.:* (1 try) 3 pts.

The School won this match more comfortably than the score would suggest. Although having pressed almost continuously, the School only led by three points to nil at half-time, D. J. Maconachie having kicked a penalty-goal. After the interval the standard of the School's play improved considerably, and D. J. Maconachie soon scored an unconverted try, following a brisk three-quarter movement. Chances were then thrown away again by poor handling, and the School's lead was reduced towards the end of the match when the Masonic fly-half scored in the corner.

Team: J. N. Pollock for M. Sarnier, M. M. R. Freeman for T. A. Robbins, M. J. Keen for A. J. Pangalos.

Wednesday, 8th October, v. Bedford Modern School. (Away). Result: Lost.

School: (1 goal) 5 pts.—*Bedford Modern:* (1 goal, 1 penalty goal) 8 pts.

Against a heavier pack the School forwards played magnificently and gave the School a territorial advantage over their opponents for most of the game. The first-half was very evenly contested, and each side scored a goal, D. J. Maconachie having given the School a short-lived lead by himself scoring and converting a try. Territorially the second-half was the School's, but we were unable to penetrate a sound defence. Midway through this half, Bedford kicked a penalty goal, and despite continual pressure by the School for the remainder of the match, this decided the issue. The School was unfortunate not to win.

Team: A. J. Pangalos for D. J. Leverton, M. Sarnier for M. L. Cleveland (ill).

Saturday, 11th October, v. Queen Elizabeth's G.S. (Home). Result: Lost.

School: (1 goal) 5 pts.—*Q.E.G.S.:* (2 penalty goals) 6 pts.

The play throughout this match was of a high standard, but the School paid dearly for repeatedly neglecting the rules. There was no score at half-time, although the School had most of the play. The second half saw the whole team defending magnificently, and to a penalty-goal by Queen Elizabeth's they replied with a try by J. N. Pollock after an opening by A. M. Newton. M. L. Cleveland converted, but a further penalty-goal by the visitors put the issue beyond doubt, despite frantic attempts to redeem the situation.

Team: M. L. Cleveland for D. J. Maconachie, B. L. Waldman for D. J. Fulluck, M. J. Nash for W. D. M. Oeters (injured), T. A. Robbins for B. R. Wood (ill).

Saturday, 18th October, v. St. Dunstan's College. (Home). Result: Won.

School: (2 goals, 1 penalty goal, 3 tries) 22 pts.—*St. Dunstan's:* (1 try) 3 pts.

Although the School played with fourteen men for all but the first five-minutes, the depleted pack gave its best display of the season, outplaying their heavier opponents, and laying the foundations for this decisive victory. Following a blind-side run by A. M. Newton, M. L. Cleveland scored a try in the corner, having already kicked a penalty goal. In attempting the conversion, however, he injured his leg and had to retire from the game. Further tries were scored by M. Sarnier, K. G. Avery, W. D. M. Oeters, and M. M. R. Freeman, B. L. Waldman converting two of them. Towards the end St. Dunstan's scored an unconverted try, but the School finished worthy winners.

Team: W. D. M. Oeters for M. J. Nash, B. R. Wood for T. A. Robbins, B. F. Hunter for J. T. Farrand (injured).

Wednesday, 23rd October, v. St. Edmund's College, Ware. (Home). Result: Won.

School: (2 goals, 4 tries) 22 pts.—*St. Edmund's:* (1 penalty goal) 3 pts.

The School were superior in every department of the game, and the margin of their victory might easily have been greater had the passing of the three-quarters been a little more accurate. M. O. Newton, M. Sarnier and W. D. M. Oeters scored tries in the first-half, B. L. Waldman converting the last of these to give the School a lead of eleven points to nil at half-time. Play followed a similar

pattern during the second-half, further tries scored by M. O. Newton, who backed up a three-quarter movement in admirable style, by J. G. Avery and by H. E. Couch. B. L. Waldman converted the last one, and St. Edmund's replied with a penalty goal just before the end.

Team: J. T. Farrand for B. F. Hunter, M. J. Nash for M. L. Cleveland (injured).

Wednesday, 29th October, v. R.A.F. Apprentices, Halton. (Home). Result: Won.
School: (1 goal, 1 penalty goal, 3 tries) 17 pts.—R.A.F.: 0 pts.

This was a convincing and thoroughly deserved victory for the School, forwards and backs alike giving of their best. The only score during the first half was an unconverted try scored by D. J. Fulluck, but the School completely dominated the play during the second-half, further tries being scored by M. M. R. Freeman, D. J. Maconachie and K. G. Avery. D. J. Maconachie converted the first of these and also kicked a penalty-goal.

Team: D. J. Maconachie for M. Sarner (injured), B. F. Hunter for J. T. Farrand (injured), T. A. Robbins for B. R. Wood, D. J. Fulluck for M. J. Nash.

Wednesday, 5th November, v. City of London School. (Away). Result: Drawn.
School: (1 penalty goal) 3 pts.—City of London School: (1 try) 3 pts.

The result of this match was in doubt until the final whistle, and a draw was a just reflection of the play, which had been dominated by the School during the first-half and by their opponents during the second-half. At half-time, although the School had come near to scoring on several occasions due to the enthusiastic display of the forwards, the score was a penalty-goal kicked by D. J. Maconachie. The City's heavier pack began to exert increasing pressure after the interval, but the School defended magnificently and held out until a few minutes before the end, when their opponents scored from a set-scrum on the School's line.

Team: M. Sarner for D. J. Fulluck, J. T. Farrand for B. F. Hunter.

Saturday, 8th November, v. Bancroft's School. (Away). Result: Lost.
School: 0 pts.—Bancroft's: (1 goal, 1 try) 8 pts.

In this match the School were unable to overcome the disadvantage of having to play with only fourteen men for all but ten minutes of the game, the superiority of Bancroft's heavier and taller forwards was the deciding factor, and after the injury to J. N. Pollock it was only a matter of time before the School's defence was broken. There was no score until midway through the second-half when Bancroft's scored two tries in quick succession, the latter being converted. The School rallied splendidly during the last ten minutes of the match, but were unable to reduce this lead.

Team: M. L. Cleveland for D. J. Maconachie.

Saturday, 15th November, v. St. Alban's School. (Away). Result: Drawn.
School: (1 dropped goal) 3 pts.—St. Alban's: (1 try) 3 pts.

Due to the heavy, slippery conditions, play was confined mainly to a succession of forward rushes. The School had the better of the first-half, and at half-time justly led by three points to nil as a result of a remarkable dropped-goal kicked by K. G. Avery from fully thirty-five yards. Territorially, play was more even during the second half, and St. Alban's succeeded in drawing level with an unconverted try. This shocked the School out of its temporary lethargy and for the remainder of the match School did everything but score.

Team: M. J. Nash for M. L. Cleveland (injured), D. J. Maconachie for J. N. Pollock (injured).

Wednesday, 19th November, v. St. George's School. (Away). Result: Won.
School: (1 penalty goal, 3 tries) 12 pts.—St. George's: (1 goal) 5 pts.

The School were down by five points at half-time, but rallied splendidly during the second-half to become worthy winners. They took far more advantage of the strong wind than St. George's had done during the first-half, and scored three tries and a penalty goal without reply. St. George's obtained a goal just before half-time but the School then began to dominate the play. As a result of fast open play, and intelligent kicks-ahead, they scored tries through W. D. M. Oeters, K. G. Avery and J. T. Farrand, and D. J. Maconachie kicked a penalty goal.

Team: J. N. Pollock (returned), A. M. Newton (injured), M. L. Cleveland for M. J. Nash.

Saturday, 29th November, v. Berkhamsted School. (Home). Result: Lost.

School: (1 penalty goal) 3 pts.—Berkhamsted: (4 tries) 12 pts.

With snow falling for most of the match, the School's display was in keeping with the weather, for it was one of their worst of the season, and the three-quarters must be held largely responsible for this defeat. Although pressing for the majority of the first-half, the School were unable to cross their opponents' line, and their only reply to two tries by Berkhamsted was a penalty-goal kicked by M. L. Cleveland. During the second-half the School were mainly on the defensive and conceded two more tries to their opponents' hard-running threequarters. Only the forwards and the halves emerged from this match with any of their reputation intact.

Team: D. J. Fulluck for D. J. Maconachie.

Wednesday, 3rd December, v. Emanuel School. (Home). Result: Lost.

School: (1 penalty goal) 3 pts.—Emanuel: (2 penalty goals, 3 tries) 15 pts.

The School's play in the early stages of this game was as unconstructive as in the last match, and at half-time, Emanuel justly led by nine points to nil. The School's forwards were being outplayed in the loose, and although the outsides, particularly J. N. Pollock, were tackling well, they never looked dangerous in attack. During the second-half the School's play improved considerably and, following a period of pressure, they reduced their opponent's lead when M. L. Cleveland kicked a penalty-goal. Careless handling and passing spoilt a number of promising openings during this period, and Emanuel soon recovered and increased their lead with a penalty goal and a try, the latter being scored shortly before the final whistle.

Team: M. J. Nash for W. D. M. Oeters, B. R. Wood for H. E. Couch (ill).

Saturday, 28th February, v. Old Haberdashers' "A" XV. (Home). Result: Lost.

School: (1 goal, 1 try) 8 pts.—O.H. "A" XV: (1 penalty goal, 4 tries) 15 pts.

The School put up a very fine display against their heavier and more experienced opponents, and had they shown as much determination and vigour in the first-half as they did in the second, they would have won comfortably. As it was, however, they gave away three tries and a penalty-goal before half-time, and much of the blame for this must lay with the three-quarters, whose tackling was not up to standard. The second-half saw a complete reversal of fortunes, for territorially the School were well on top, and showed more stamina than their opponents. Following a period of concentrated pressure by the School, H. E. Couch scored near the corner-flag, M. L. Cleveland just failing to convert. Soon afterwards a quick pass from a set-scrum set off a fine blind-side movement from which M. L. Cleveland scored. He himself succeeded in converting his try with a magnificent kick almost from the touchline. Had the School been able to obtain one more goal at this stage they would have gained the lead, but unfortunately it was their opponents who scored the all important try, and this settled the issue, despite desperate efforts by the School during the last few minutes of the game.

Team: A. M. Newton for D. J. Fulluck, J. B. Davies for K. G. Avery (left), W. D. M. Oeters for M. J. Nash, N. R. Fuller for M. O. Newton (injured), H. E. Couch for M. M. R. Freeman.

Monday, 30th March, v. Monmouth School. (Away). Result: Lost.

School: 0 pts.—Monmouth: (1 try, 1 penalty goal) 6 pts.

School had to play into the teeth of driving wind and rain for much of the first half with J. N. Pollock feeling almost too ill to play at stand-off-half. After a bout of hard play the home side scored an unconverted try. In the second half School performance improved with the weather, and a fast open game developed with both sides pressing hard and with School gaining a slight advantage only, however, to fail repeatedly to cross the Monmouth line. In the closing minutes M. J. Keen conceded a penalty kick for offside which was put to proper use by Monmouth. Still full of fight School pressed hard to the end but without success against a stout defence.

Team: N. A. Fuller for J. M. Newton (ill), J. B. Davies for K. G. Avery, A. J. Pettet for M. Sarner, B. R. Wood for M. M. R. Freeman, D. J. Leverton for T. A. Robbins.

RESULTS OF MATCHES

						Points		Result	
						F.	A.		
1952			FIRST XV						
Sept.	27	v.	Eltham College ...	...	...	0	24	Lost	
Oct.	4	v.	Royal Masonic School ...	...	...	6	3	Won	
Oct.	8	v.	Beford Modern School ...	...	...	5	8	Lost	
Oct.	11	v.	Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet	...	...	5	6	Lost	
Oct.	18	v.	St. Dunstan's College ...	...	...	22	3	Won	
Oct.	22	v.	St. Edmund's College, Ware	...	...	22	3	Won	
Oct.	29	v.	R.A.F. Apprentices, Halton	...	...	17	0	Won	
Nov.	5	v.	City of London School ...	...	...	3	3	Drawn	
Nov.	8	v.	Bancroft's School	...	...	0	8	Lost	
Nov.	15	v.	St. Alban's School	...	...	3	3	Drawn	
Nov.	19	v.	St. George's, Harpenden	...	...	12	5	Won	
Nov.	29	v.	Berkhamsted School	...	...	3	12	Lost	
Dec.	3	v.	Emanuel School...	...	...	3	15	Lost	
1953									
Feb.	28	v.	Old Haberdashers' "A" XV	...	...	8	15	Lost	
Mar.	30	v.	Monmouth School	...	...	0	6	Lost	
1952			SECOND XV						
Sept.	27	v.	Eltham College ...	...	...	8	3	Won	
Oct.	4	v.	Royal Masonic School ...	...	...	24	12	Won	
Oct.	8	v.	Bedford Modern School	...	...	11	6	Won	
Oct.	11	v.	Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet	...	...	12	18	Lost	
Oct.	18	v.	St. Dunstan's College ...	...	...	5	3	Won	
Nov.	5	v.	City of London School	...	...	27	8	Won	
Nov.	8	v.	Bancroft's School	...	...	17	3	Won	
Nov.	15	v.	St. Alban's School	...	...	14	6	Won	
Nov.	22	v.	Emanuel School...	...	...	16	0	Won	
Nov.	29	v.	Berkhamsted School	...	...	9	8	Won	
1953									
Feb.	28	v.	Old Haberdashers' "Ex. A " XV	...	...	16	13	Won	
			THIRD XV						
Sept.	27	v.	Eltham College ...	...	...	8	9	Lost	
Oct.	4	v.	Royal Masonic School ...	...	...	18	5	Won	
Oct.	11	v.	Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet	...	...	0	12	Lost	
Oct.	18	v.	St. Dunstan's College ...	...	...	0	11	Lost	
Nov.	8	v.	Bancroft's School	...	...	8	15	Lost	
Nov.	15	v.	St. Alban's School	...	...	9	9	Drawn	
Nov.	29	v.	Berkhamsted School	...	...		Cancelled		
Dec.	3	v.	Emanuel School...	...	...	9	3	Won	
			COLTS XV						
Oct.	4	v.	Royal Masonic School ...	...	...	9	17	Lost	
Oct.	11	v.	Queen Elizabeth's Barnet	...	...	6	11	Lost	
Oct.	18	v.	St. Dunstan's College ...	...	...	0	0	Drawn	
Nov.	8	v.	Bancroft's School	...	...	29	9	Won	
Nov.	15	v.	St. Alban's School	...	...	0	5	Lost	
Nov.	29	v.	Berkhamsted School	...	...		Cancelled		
Dec.	3	v.	Emanuel School...	...	...		Cancelled		

ANALYSIS

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Against
1st XV	15	5	8	2	109	114
2nd XV	11	10	1	—	159	80
3rd XV	7	2	4	1	52	73
Colts XV	5	1	3	1	44	42

TEAM MAKE-UPS

FIRST XV

*Waldman, B. L.
 —
 †Avery, K. G.
 **Oeters, W. D. M.
 *Sarner, M.
 *Cleveland, M. L.
 —
 †Pollock, J. N.
 †Newton, A. M. (Capt.)
 —
 †Newton, M. O.
 †Farrand, J. T.
 ***Freeman, M. M. R.
 **Newton, J. M.
 *Robbins, T. A.
 **Keen, M. J.
 ††Couch, H. E.
 **Pangalos, A. J.

SECOND XV

*Fulluck, D. J.
 —
 *Pettet, A. J.
 *Nash, M. J.
 **Maconachie, D. J. (Capt.)
 *Davies, J. B.
 —
 *Walker, M. V.
 *Hanson, J. J.
 —
 *Bragg, M. J.
 *Hunter, B. F.
 *Bancroft, J. M.
 *Fuller, N. A.
 *Bate, A.
 *Coe, B. H. J.
 *Wood, B. R.
 **Levertton, D. J.

THIRD XV

Collombin, B.
 —
 Rogers, G.
 Boost, G. S.
 Herzog, J. O.
 Purchase, H. G.
 —
 Brett, J.
 Neale, M. F.
 —
 Mansbridge, B. G. L.
 Neal, E. T.
 Mann, R. G.
 Readman, N. J. P.
 McInnes, E. O. H.
 Mitchell, P. R.
 McLaren, D. J.
 Kipps, R. M. (Capt.)

COLTS XV

*White, M. S.
 —
 Goldman, D.
 ‡Mercer, J. S.
 Joseph, L. B.
 Wildman, D. A.
 —
 ‡Matear, D.
 ‡Geer, N. D.
 —
 Parker, N. A.
 Hudson, A. S.
 Cornford, R. L.
 Stephens, R. W.
 Sholl, J. K.
 Collins, M. T.
 *Robinson, M. J.
 ‡Butler, G. A. (Capt.)

†Denotes First XV Colours.

*Denotes First XXX Colours.

‡Denotes Colts Colours.

HOUSE RUGBY COMPETITIONS

SENIOR HOUSE FINAL

JOBLINGS: 17 pts. HENDERSONS: 6 pts.

This was a vigorous and robust game, although deteriorating at times to somewhat scrappy play. The heavier pack and the skilful hooking of J. T. Farrand gave Hendersons a marked superiority in the set-scrums, but Joblings' faster forwards, H. E. Couch in particular, dominated the loose and the line-out. With five First XV outsiders, Joblings also had a great advantage in the open play.

Hendersons attacked strongly from the kick-off, but Joblings soon fought back, and A. M. Newton, exploiting his swerve to the full, scored a try on the blind side. The conversion failed narrowly. Following a period of pressure J. J. Hanson levelled the scores with an opportunist try in the corner just before half-time.

During the second-half Joblings' three-quarters combined far more effectively. M. Sarner scored a blind-side try following a quick heel from the loose, and M. L. Cleveland kicked a penalty goal from thirty yards. Joblings scored again when M. L. Cleveland eluded several men to touch down between the posts, he, himself, converting. The last Joblings' try came from a forward rush and good following up by M. L. Cleveland who scored in the corner. In the last few minutes A. C. Charlesworth scored a consolation try for Hendersons, but the match ended with Joblings worthy winners. For the losers, J. N. Pollock, J. T. Farrand and J. B. Davies worked gallantly, but with little success, whereas, particularly during the second-half, each member of the Joblings' team played consistently well.

SEVEN-A-SIDE

FIRST ROUND

Calverts	11 pts.	Strouts	0 pts.
Russells	16 pts.	Meadows	3 pts.

SECOND ROUND

Joblings	10 pts.	Calverts	3 pts.
Russells	3 pts.	Hendersons	0 pts.

FINAL ROUND

Joblings	11 pts.	Russells	0 pts.
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The final of the House Seven-a-Side competition was between two strong sides, and from the spectators' point of view fulfilled expectations. It was a hard fought match from start to finish, and a high standard of play was reached. The most encouraging aspect of the game was the hard tackling throughout, not only by the experienced members of the First XV, but also by the young players from junior teams.

Joblings were unlucky not to score straight from the kick-off, when M. L. Cleveland, following up his own kick, gathered an awkwardly bouncing ball, to be brought down inches short of the Russells' line. Hard play continued, but, although the Joblings threequarters looked particularly menacing when they had the ball, they tended to play too much as individuals. The first try was scored early in the second-half by A. M. Newton, following a set-scrum near the Russells' line. The try was converted by M. L. Cleveland. Soon after this, J. M. Bancroft, by following up hard, was able to touch down for Joblings' second try after the ball had gone loose on the Russells' goal-line. Joblings then made certain of victory and showed their superior stamina and ability in a very fine passing movement in which most of the team took part. First M. L. Cleveland, and then A. M. Newton made sudden and very effective changes in direction, and eventually J. M. Newton, receiving a pass from W. D. M. Oeters, scored in the corner. For Russells, who were under the disadvantage of having played two hard matches in the previous rounds, M. O. Newton and M. M. R. Freeman played their usual fine game, but to no avail, and Joblings, whose whole team combined excellently together, were worthy victors.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS SEVEN-A-SIDES

School: 0 pts.—Wellington School: 3 pts.

Robbed of J. N. Pollock at the last moment by 'flu the side failed to cohere in the brief period of play before the interval and conceded a try to their opponents. After the interval, spurred on by the example of A. M. Newton and the excellent hooking of J. T. Farrand, they outclassed their opponents in every way, but without avail, as the slippery and gusty conditions robbed the outsides of the necessary pace, and M. L. Cleveland seemed for once incapable of turning penalty kicks into points. The School side left the field bitterly disappointed that so much hard practice had come to nought.

Team: G. H. Silvey, M. Sarner, M. L. Cleveland, A. M. Newton M. O. Newton, J. T. Farrand, H. E. Couch.

FIRST XV FIXTURES

SEASON 1953-4

H	Saturday, 3rd October	Royal Masonic School.
H	Wednesday, 7th October	Bedford Modern School.
A	Saturday, 10th October	Queen Elizabeth's School, Barnet
A	Saturday, 17th October	St. Dunstan's College.
A	Wednesday, 21st October	R. A. F. Apprentices, Halton.
H	Wednesday, 4th November	City of London School.
H	Saturday, 7th November	Bancroft's School.
H	Saturday, 14th November	St. Alban's School.
H	Wednesday, 18th November	St. George's School, Harpenden.
A	Saturday, 21st November	Emanuel School.
H	Saturday, 28th November	Berkhamsted School.
H	Saturday, 5th December	Old Haberdashers' "A" XV.
A	Saturday, 12th December	Eltham College.
H	Saturday, 19th December	Monmouth School.

Boxing

The Boxing season was chiefly remarkable for the heavy incidence of sickness during the term which interfered with training and caused our matches to be reduced both in size and number. However 60 boys boxed in School matches during the term, the results of which appear below.

Our Captain, M.O. Newton, is to be congratulated on the excellent way in which he carried out his duties. The Club owes much of its success to his enthusiasm, and is grateful to him for his energetic leadership.

The Club would also like to express its thanks to Mr. Dudderidge, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Peebles for their assistance, and is particularly grateful to Mr. C. R. Thompson who has refereed our home matches.

We are very pleased to record that Ian Crombie, who is now at Cambridge, was awarded a Blue last term, and that he decisively defeated his Oxford opponent in what was considered to be the best contest of the Inter-Varsity match.

Colours for the season have been awarded as follows:—

Full Colours: Reawarded to M. O. Newton (*Capt.*), A. M. Newton, J. M. Newton, M. J. Nash; New Awards to F. L. Gardner, J. J. Hanson.

Half Colours: Reawarded to S. R. Lidyard; New award to D. J. Ward.

Ribbon Colours: Reawarded to H. G. Purchase, R. Rowlinson; New awards to J. M. Burgess, B. Collombin, H. E. Couch, M. S. White.

Junior Colours: Awarded to M. R. Hunt, N. Healey, D. B. Mercer, G. E. Strange.

MATCH RESULTS

January 27th. v. City of London School (Away).

Illness on both sides reduced the match to one of nine bouts. While Couch and Horrocks lost by narrow margins, White, Stark, Burgess and Hanson won well and J. M. Newton defeated the opposing captain after a stern struggle.

Result: C.L.S. 3 wins. School 6 wins.

January 30th. v. City of London Juniors (Home).

This match was also reduced in size owing to sickness. Porter, Brown and Steele, boxing for the first time in a match, displayed courage and determination; Strange and Healey showed an improvement on last season and Simpson used his long reach to advantage.

Result: C.L.S. 4 wins. School 8 wins.

February 11th. v. Wimbledon College (Home).

Owing to casualties on both sides the usual double Senior and Junior fixture was compressed into a single match. The juniors did well, boxing with skill and aggression. Sutcliffe, Anderson, Constable and Mercer making their first appearance in a match did particularly well, while Brown and Hunt won clearly on points. Of the seniors, Gardner disposed of his opponent in the first round and Hanson in the second, while Collombin and Purchase boxed well to win close bouts.

Result: Wimbledon 15 wins School 8 wins.

February 19th. v. Dulwich College Preparatory School (Home).

Although many of the opposing team were younger than our boxers, most of the contests were well matched. Whittam and English in their first School contests won well; Steele, Porter, Healey, Mercer and Strange showed improvement and Brown boxed with his usual vigour.

Result: D.C.P.S. 1 win School 9 wins.

February 21st. v. Brighton College (Away)

The junior members of the team boxed particularly well in their match, Gaunt and Leverton winning clearly on points, while Boatman who made up for a shaky start by a strong finish, shared the decision with his opponent. Purchase boxed well against an older and stronger boy, Lidyard disposed of his opponent in two rounds and Ward showed considerable improvement.

Result: Brighton College 3 wins School 4 wins (one bout drawn).

February 26th. v. The Preparatory Department (Home)

In this match the team consisted of First Form boys who had not previously boxed for the School. The Prep School team was young but well trained and twelve good bouts resulted. We can look forward to some promising boxers joining us from the Prep School next season.

Result: Prep School 4 wins. School 8 wins.

March 4th. v. St. Paul's School (Away)

This match was notable both for the sound boxing and the even contests in all twenty bouts. M. O. Newton's determination and A. M. Newton's aggression gave them the decisions in close contests; Ward, Purchase, Boatman and Gaunt boxed well, losing narrowly; Stewart, Leverton, M. S. White and Purchase displayed considerable skill in winning their bouts. All members of the team appeared fitter and more confident than in previous matches and this undoubtedly resulted in many of the very close bouts ending in our favour.

Result: St. Paul's 8 wins School 12 wins.

March 5th v. Colet Court (Home).

The Colet Court team was young and inexperienced but displayed a vigour which surprised our team composed mainly of First Form boys. Although most of the bouts were closely contested, we lost them all except one in which English boxed strongly and well.

Result: Colet Court 8 wins School 1 win.

March 30th. v. Monmouth School (Away).

A Junior team travelled to Monmouth for this match at the end of the term. All ten bouts were closely contested, but the greater confidence of the home side gave them many of the verdicts. M. S. White and Gaunt boxed particularly well, while Stewart, Horne and Purchase were perhaps unlucky not to have gained the decision.

Result: Monmouth 8 wins. School 2 wins.

The Boat Club

Captain: J. A. ROBBINS.

Secretary: N. RIDGE.

The year has brought great changes in Boat Club organisation: at the end of the Summer Term we transferred the senior rowing to Twickenham, where as guests of the Twickenham Rowing Club, the crews train principally on the stretch of river between Teddington and Richmond locks. Junior rowing is now carried on from Green's boathouse at Barnes, with about twenty five boys rowing. The change has certainly improved boating conditions: we have not this year had to contend with badly-maintained equipment.

The arrival of the new boat, referred to in a separate article, has marked the achievement of a long-standing ambition, and to the many parents, Old Haberdashers, and friends, as well as to the Governors, who made the acquisition possible, the Boat Club owes a debt of gratitude.

Results in the Head of the River race, though not spectacular, were satisfactory, and the crew approached this term's fixtures in the School Leagues in good heart. So far this term one race has been won and one lost, and two remain to be rowed.

One interesting innovation in training this year has been the showing of a training film which Mr. Browning was able to get for us through the help of his friends in Selwyn College Boat Club.

I hope now that conditions are so much better at Barnes and Twickenham we shall see an increasing number of boys coming forward to row: we need in the Boat Club a keener spirit of competition if we are to produce good racing crews: it would do most members of the First VIII no harm to find that they have to work really hard to keep their place!

J. McN.

CAPTAIN'S NOTES

Looking back on my notes for this time last year, I see that this School year started on a much happier note for the Boat Club than the last. Our appeal for funds for a new shell boat resulted in donations amounting to £100, and I should like to thank on behalf of the Club and myself all those parents and old boys who contributed. This amount, plus £50 we had from a previous appeal was short of the total needed for a new boat. However, the School Governors very kindly contributed the rest, with the result that we took delivery of a new shell eight early in May.

The Senior members of the Boat Club are now rowing from the Twickenham Rowing Club's boat house on Eel Pie Island, Twickenham. Here the facilities are very much better than the School has before enjoyed, and we also have the services of an experienced boatman, who has ensured that our boats have been usable at all times.

The first task of this School year was to select and train a First IV for our annual match against Worcester Union Rowing Club. Some difficulty was experienced here because only Ridge and myself remained of last year's crew. However, Nash and Routley were finally selected, this making a heavier crew than we have had for some time. From the beginning of our training, it was obvious that this crew possessed great power, but it took some time to develop into a polished-looking crew. This IV did even better than was expected in the race, the report of which appears later.

The Autumn Term ended with hopes that a strong First VIII could be built on this IV during the Spring Term for the Schools' Head of the River.

The Spring Term commenced with our having to select the bow pair for the First VIII. Various combinations were tried; Hingley and Dichlian being finally selected.

Owing to the common occurrence of influenza and other seasonal ailments, we were without the full crew until a week and a half before the race. This meant we had only four practices together as a crew, but during this time the crew improved remarkably, producing a good run on the boat and a steady slide forward. Much of the credit for this must go to Ridge at stroke, who has been powerful and consistent throughout training.

As last year, the weather was kind on the day of the race, except for a slight head-on breeze. The School crew produced a fair start and settled into a fast stride by Hammersmith Bridge. This was probably the most effective stretch of rowing of the whole Term, and we were very soon only half a length down on the crew which started ahead of us. Here one of the crew's seats jammed for nine strokes, which put us one and a half lengths down. We took a long time to settle down again and could not improve our position by more than half a length. Towards the end of the course, we caught up and passed the crew which started two ahead of us, finishing a length down on the crew which started immediately ahead. The result was that we improved our position by two places, finishing fifth in the clinker division.

This showing was most encouraging, as we were just behind two and in one case well ahead of the crews we are to row against in the Summer Term in the Best Boat League.

Finally, our thanks are due to Mr. McNair for his patient coaching, with often up to three reserves rowing in the First Boat, and to Messrs. Browning and Keevil for coaching the Second VIII.

J. A. ROBBINS.

FIRST IV

Bow, ROBBINS; 2, NASH; 3, ROUTLEY; 4, RIDGE, *Cox*, SALE.

FIRST VIII

Bow, HINGLEY; 2, DICHLIAN; 3, KELLETT; 4, BINDING; 5, ROUTLEY; 6, NASH, 7, ROBBINS; *Stroke*, RIDGE; *Cox*, SALE.

"THE ROBERT ASKE"

Thursday, 14th May, proved a memorable occasion for the Boat Club, and, indeed, for the School. Before an audience of masters, boys and their parents, and friends of the School, the Club's new Shell Eight was launched off Eel Pie Island. The craft had been largely paid for by subscriptions, and this ceremony marked the great interest in rowing which has developed at Haberdashers' over the last few years. No small part of this progress is due to the sustained enthusiasm of Mr. Robbins, the father of the Captain of Boats, who spoke just before the actual launching. His encouraging speech was preceded by a few words spoken by the Headmaster, Dr. Taylor, and by a distinguished visitor, Sir Frederick Wells. Sir Frederick was Lord Mayor of London for

the year 1948, and on this occasion represented the Board of Governors, who contributed half the cost of the boat.

The launching was performed by Mrs. Taylor, who anointed the bow with champagne, naming the boat, "The Robert Aske," in honour of the founder of the School. The boat was carried down to the water by the First Eight, its oars and riggers painted in the School colours, and rowed away amidst cheers.

The new shell is what is known as a "ten-and-a-half stone" boat, being particularly light, and is fitted with double-action sliding seats.

Afterwards, the three rowing eights paddled their boats past the hotel lawn, at the other side of the island. Their handling of the boats was warmly applauded, the First Eight in the new shell being especially congratulated.

Upper School Athletic Sports

Saturday, 28th March, 1953

1. One Mile, Jun. 1—Purchase (R); 2—Wright (J.); 3—Banham (S); 4—McInnes (C); 5—Handscombe (M).
Time: 5 mins. 31.8 secs.
2. One Mile, Sen. 1—Silvey (M); 2—Irwin (J); 3—Skrimshire (C); 4—Brown, D. A. (R); 5—O'Brien (S); 6—Pollock (H).
Time: 5 mins. 4 secs.
3. High Jump, Sen. 1—Oeters (J); 2—Pettet (S); 3—Silvey (M); 4—Maconachie (R); 5—Anderson (C).
Height: 5ft. 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ in. (A new record).
4. Long Jump, Jun. 1—Handscombe (M); 2—Goldman (C); 3—Butler (R); 4—Willcocks (J); 5—Yeadon (H); 6—White, M. S. (S). *Distance:* 17 ft. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.
5. Discus, Jun. 1—Purchase (R); 2—Wood (C); 3—Clark (H); 4—Bysher (S); 5—Willcocks (J).
Distance: 94ft. 11 ins.
6. Discus, Sen. 1—Cleveland (J); 2—Nash (S); 3—Leverton (C); 4—Robbins, J. (R); 5—Coe (M); 6—Fuller (H).
Distance: 111 ft. 11 ins. (A new record).
7. High Jump, Jun. 1—Millman (H); 2—Bysher (S); 3—Byerley (M); 4—Mercer (J); 5—Chapman (C); 6—Wilde (R).
Height: 4 ft. 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ ins.
8. Long Jump, Sen. 1—Silvey (M); 2—Oeters (J); 3—Nash (S); 4—Herzog (H); 5—Maconachie (R); 6—Anderson (C). *Distance:* 18 ft. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.
9. 100 yards, Jun. 1—Wood (C); 2—Handscombe (M); 3—Clark (H); 4—Brown, D. (R); 5—Banham (S); 6—Mercer (J).
Time: 11.2 secs.
10. 100 yards, Sen. 1—Nash (S); 2—Bailey (M); 3—Phillips (C); 4—Fraiman (J); 5—Davies (H); 6—Ridge (R).
Time: 11.6 secs.
11. Hurdles, Jun. 1—Horne (J); 2—Butler (R); 3—Banham (S); 4—Goldman (C), Millman (H), Byerley (M).
Time: 18.8 secs.

12. 880 yards, Jun. 1—Wright (J); 2—Pardey (C); 3—White, M. S. (S); 4—Yeadon (H); 5—Hersey (R).
Time: 2 mins. 26.2 secs.
13. 880 yards, Sen. 1—Pettet (S); 2—Irwin (S); 3—Skrimshire (C); 4—Coe (M); 5—Morris (H); 6—Lidyard (R).
Time: 2 mins. 12.4 secs.
14. 440 yards, Jun. 1—Clark (H); 2—Purchase (R); 3—Handscombe (M); 4—Banham (S); 5—Herbert (C); 6—Wright (J).
Time: 62 secs.
15. 440 yards, Sen. 1—Silvey (M); 2—Wells (C); 3—Irwin (J); 4—White, A. B. (R); 5—Pollock (H); 6—Cox (S).
Time: 58 secs.
16. Javelin, Jun. 1—Hampshire (H); 2—Bysher (S); 3—Bishop (R); 4—Horne (J); 5—Collins (C). Distance: 107 ft.
17. Shot, Sen. 1—Coe (M); 2—Fuller (H); 3—Bate (J); 4—Miller (R); 5—Pettet (S); 6—Levertton (C).
Distance: 34 ft. 8 ins.
18. Hurdles, Sen. 1—Oeters (J); 2—Silvey (M); 3—Aust (C);
19. 220 yards, Jun. 1—Wood (C); 2—Handscombe (M); 3—Clark (H); 4—Pollock (H); Edelman (R).
Time: 27.2.
4—Butler (R); 5—Horne (J). Time: 27.2 sec.
20. 220 yards, Sen. 1—Davied (H); 2—Phillips (C); 3—Bailey (M); 4—Newton, A. (J); 5—Supran (S) 6—Newton, M. O. (R). Time: 27.2 secs.
21. Javelin, Sen. 1—Ridge (M); 2—Fuller (H); 3—Nash (S); 4—Cleveland (J); 5—Muteau (R); 6—Aust (C);
Distance: 103 ft. 4 ins.
22. Shot, Jun. 1—Wood (C); 2—Geer (J); 3—Clark (H); 4—Allen (S); 5—Bishop (R); 6—Soldan (M).
Distance: 29 ft. 2½ ins.
23. Relay, 4 x 110 yds. Jun. 1—Russells; 2—Joblings; 3—Calverts; 4—Hendersons; 5—Strouts. Time: 53.6 secs.
24. Relay, 4 x 110 yds. Sen. 1—Meadows; 2—Joblings; 3—Henderson; 4—Calverts; 5—Strouts; 6—Russells.
Time: 51.4 secs.
25. Medley Relay, Jun. 1—Joblings; 2—Russells; 3—Calverts; 4—Hendersons; 5—Strouts. Time: 31.4 secs.
26. Medley Relay, Sen. 1—Meadows; 2—Calverts; 3—Strouts; 4—Russells; 5—Joblings; 6—Hendersons. Time: 4 mins. 11.6 secs.
27. Tug of war
Points for "Standard times." Strouts beat Joblings.
Calverts 62; Hendersons 29; Joblings 64; Meadows 61; Russells 71; Strouts 40.
- House Competition
1—Joblings, 192; 2—Calverts, 174; 3—Meadows, 168½; 4—Russells, 168; 5—Strouts, 141; 6—Hendersons, 122½.

Basket Ball

The season was a notable one in the history of Basket Ball at School, for not only did we play our first official School matches, but we were successful in all of them.

This was due largely to the regular training sessions which took place throughout the season, and which only emphasize the value of learning—and mastering—the fundamental skills of the game.

Results of School matches played this season were:—

1st Team v. F. Benghiat's side (Home) Won 47—42.
 1st Team v. Berkhamsted School (Away) Won 34—27.
 2nd Team v. Berkhamsted School (Away) Won 45—6
 "A" Team v. Queen Elizabeth's School 1st Team (Away). Won 57—32.

The House Competitions as usual produced invigorating basket ball though it must be admitted that skill is fast replacing brawn. Joblings were again comfortable winners in the senior competition and proceeded to defeat a combined "Rest" side extremely easily.

HOUSE SENIOR COMPETITIONS

House	Matches Won	Points For	Points Against	Final Position
Joblings	5	216	91	1
Russells	4	103	94	2
Hendersons	3	156	115	3
Calverts	1	113	146	4
Strouts	1	117	149	5
Meadows	1	85	195	6

Joblings 46 The Rest 15

The Junior competition revealed more enthusiasm than skill, Russells being eventual winners.

HOUSE JUNIOR COMPETITION

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Thomas for his keen work in furthering the development of Basket Ball in the School. His enthusiasm and guidance have been very positive factors in the increase in skill and popularity of the sport this year; my thanks also to C. W. Turner who proved himself an able and helpful vice-captain.

Joblings	Bye		Joblings	
Strouts	}	Meadows	}	Russells
Meadows				30—15
Hendersons		Calverts		Russells
Calverts	}		}	
Russells		Bye		

S. A. CROSSICK, *Captain*.

The successes which have been achieved this year are due, in no small measure, to the Captain, whose administrative efficiency and playing ability were of an exceptionally high order.

In addition to the team practices, Crossick and Turner, the Vice-Captain, coached a group of Lower School boys and the high standard attained augurs well for the future of the game.

Colours have been awarded to Crossick, Turner, Oeters and Lidyard. D.F.C.T.

Cross Country

At about the middle of the season, the team was sorry to announce the passing away of its chief bogey—the tradition of a bad result at Richmond Park in the Ranelagh Harriers' Schools' Invitation Race. Last year the School was thirteenth, and this result was regarded at the time as being very satisfactory. This year the School team narrowly missed earning medals by coming fourth. The main reason for this extremely encouraging, though still rather shy success, was the experiment tried this year of holding the away match versus Emanuel School, before "Ranelagh," and entering the same team as far as possible.

A scratch team did well to come fifth in the Highgate Harriers' match early in the season, although as concerns points, we did better than last year when we came fourth.

The last important match of the season was rivalled in success only by "Ranelagh," for in the Southgate Harriers' Race at Enfield, the School team was awarded medals for the first time for many years. The School secured second place, only a few points behind the cup winners, Southgate County School, on their home course. The medals were presented to the team by the Headmaster during morning assembly.

In all except one, the matches against other schools were extremely successful. We were narrowly beaten by a strong Harrow County School team, these latter having become our rivals in many fixtures throughout this and last season. Let us hope that next season, the narrow margins will be to our advantage, and not theirs.

This year for the first time, the School entered a team (with little success) in the Queen's Park Harriers' Road Relay race at Eastcote. The fixture was on the same afternoon as "Southgate," so that a scratch team was somewhat tentatively entered. The opposition proved too strong, however, and the School came a sad thirteenth from a field of fifteen. Nevertheless, from the completed results, it became immediately evident that a School First Team could in future put up a very good showing in this event.

The team this season was made up from the following:—Silvey (*Captain*), Skrimshire (*Vice-Captain*), Shrimpton, Keen, Fullock, Irwin, Couch, Scruton, Morris, Brown.

The following also represented the School:—O'Brien, McLaren, Goad, Anderson, Newton, J., Lidyard, Walker M., Wright.

Shrimpton proved to be an exceptionally useful team member for this season, and is to be congratulated upon representing the School in every fixture, and securing first place in all the School's home matches.

I should like to thank Skrimshire for his sometimes awe-inspiring efficiency as team secretary; much of the credit for the team's success must go to his ability to fix up matches whilst suffering from influenza.

Lastly, but certainly far from least, I should like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Hickman for his never failing support in such matters as the half rate 'bus fare. I can only hope that, in this season, the team has suitably rewarded his lonely journeys to the various bleak and blasted heaths situated around London.

RESULTS

November 12th, at Chase Lodge *v.* R.A.F. Station. School won.

School: 16 pts. against. Hendon; 39 pts. against.

December 6th, at Highgate. Inter-Schools Match (Highgate Harriers).

School 5th with 102 pts. against.

February 4th, at Richmond Park *v.* Emanuel School. School won.

School: 16 pts. against. Emanuel: 22 pts. against.

February 11th, at Chase Lodge *v.* City of London School. School won.

School: 30 pts. against. City of London School: 53 pts. against.

February 14th at Richmond Park. Inter-Schools Match (Ranelagh Harriers).

School 4th with 101 pts. against.

February 25th at Chase Lodge *v.* Harrow County School. School lost.

School: 41 pts. against. H.C.S.: 38 pts. against.

March 14th at Enfield. Inter-Schools Match (Southgate Harriers).

School 2nd with 102 pts. against.

March 14th at Eastcote. Inter-Schools Relay (Queen's Park Harriers).

School 13th.

INTER-HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY RACES, 1953

SENIOR RACE

1—Shrimpton (C); 2—Fullock (C); 3—Silvey (M); 4—Pettet (S); 5—Irwin (J); 6—Brown, D. A. (R); 7—Keen (C); 8—Newton, J. M. (J); 9—McLaren (S); 10—Scruton (H); 11—Skrimshire (C); 12—Couch (J); 13—Walker, M. V. (S); 14—O'Brien (S); 15—Kent (M); 16—Lidyard (R); 17—Goad (H); 18—Coe (M); 19—Kipps (M); 20—Hall (R); 21—Neale (M); 22—Farrand (H); 23—Morris (H); 24—Pannell (R); 25—Rickwood (J); 26—Pangalos (C); 27—Horrocks (M); 28—Ward (C); 29—Bragg (R); 30—Davison (J); 31—Pollock (H); 32—Summers (H); 33—Walker, J. G. (S); 34—Fraiman (J); 35—Howell (R); 36—Cox (S).

All the above arrived within the standard time of 27 minutes. The winner's time was 21 mins. 55 secs. In the qualifying run the following also completed the course in the standard time: *Calverts*: Leverton, Verbov; *Hendersons*: Boost, Godman, Higgs, Nash, M. J.; *Joblings*: Bancroft, D. G., Bancroft, J. M., Bate, Boulton, Boyers, Cleveland, Crossick, Newton, A. M., Secker; *Meadows*: Bastin, Hedges, Munday, Ovens, Richardson, Spencer; *Russells*: Cooper, Gardner, F. H., Maconachie, Newton, M. O., Skwara, Turner, White; *Strouts*: Beddow, Jarman, Read.

The result of the House competition was: 1—Calverts, 13; 2—Strouts, 31; 3—Joblings, 35; 4—Meadows, 43; 5—Russells, 53; 6—Hendersons, 62.

JUNIOR RACE

1—Wright (J); 2—Purchase (R); 3—Boatman (M); 4—Pardey (C); 5—Banham (S); 6—McInnes (C); 7—Horne (J); 8—Cornford (M); 9—Fitzgerald (J); 10—Goer (J); 11—McLaren (S); 12—Wildman (C); 13—Soldan (M); 14—Sholl (H); 15—Sykes (S); 16—Leverton (C); 17—Bishop (R); 18—Curtis, D. W., (C); 19—Stewart (S); 20—Hampshire (H); 21—White, M. S. (S); 22—Mercer (J); 23—Worth (R); 24—Robinson (R); 25—Stern (J); 26—Robert (R); 27—Cedar (M); 28—Wood (C); 29—Handscombe (M); 30—Ogden (S); 31—Sebba (H); 32—Curtis, A. E. F. (M); 33—Sluce (H); 34—White, R. F. (H); 35—Brown, M. E. (R).

All the above arrived within the standard time of 22 minutes. The winner's time was 17 mins. 11 secs. In the qualifying run the following also completed the course in the standard time: *Calverts*: Alford, Berkeley, Chapman, Collins, Curtis, Heissig, Herbert, Parker, Pryke; *Hendersons*: Barnfather, Brewer, Clark, Stark, B. A.; *Joblings*: Barker, Gaunt, Heppner, Hughes, Ives, Pay, Waldman, Willcocks; *Meadows*: Byerley, Fairley, Ive; *Russells*: Drewry, Russell, Taylor, D. W., Wigzell; *Strouts*: Brice, Bysher, Hodgkinson, Loh, Oppenheimer, Nice, Rose, M. P.

The result of the House Competition was: 1—Joblings, 13; 2—Calverts, 23; 3—Strouts, 37; 4—Meadows, 42; 5—Russells, 56; 6—Hendersons, 89.

The result of the Littlefield Cup Competition was: 1—Calverts, 36; 2—Joblings, 48; 3—Strouts, 68; 4—Meadows, 85; 5—Russells, 109; 6—Hendersons, 151.

Fives

School Fives have made very considerable progress this term and the standard of play has risen accordingly. This is mainly a result of regular concentrated practice and I am particularly pleased to see the keenness and interest with which many of the younger members of the Upper School are approaching the game.

The highlight of this team was the first victory of a School fives team for a very long time. We played two matches against representative sides from U.C.S., Rotheroe particularly distinguishing himself. The promise shown by Bryant, Hampshire, Mercer and Chapman augurs well for the future, provided they adopt as their maxim "Practice makes perfect." Finally I would like to thank Mr. Sanderson for his generous administration.

MATCH RESULTS

v. U.C.S. 'a'	Away	Lost	94—95 pts.
v. U.C.S. 'a'	Home	Won	132—113 pts.

C. W. TURNER, *Captain of Fives.*

FIRST XV, 1953



Standing Left to Right: J. M. NEWTON; T. A. ROBBINS; M. M. R. FREEMAN; W. D. M. OELERS; M. L. CLEVELAND;
 B. L. WALDMAN; A. J. PANGALOS.
Sitting Left to Right: M. O. NEWTON; J. N. POLLOCK; A. M. NEWTON, (Captain); H. E. COUCH; J. T. FARRAND.
In Front, Left to Right: M. SARNER; M. J. KEIR.

BOXING TEAM, 1953



- Row 1: HORNE, SIMPSON, WHITE, M. S., PARKER, J. R., DAVIES, B. S., COLLOMBIN, HORROCKS, WHITE, R. F., START ;
- Row 2: CURTIS, GAUNT, HEALEY, PURCHASE, LEVERTON, K. H., WHITE, W. I., BOATMAN, STARK, LEIL, BENFIELD ;
- Row 3: ENGLISH, YELLOW, TREVELYAN, STEWART, MUNN, LITTLEWOOD, ANTROBUS, STRANGE, KELTON, MERCER, ANDERSON ;
- Row 4: ROWLINSON, LIDYARD, HANSON, GARDNER, NEWTON, A. M., NEWTON, M. O. (Capt.), R. W. HEWSON, ESQ., NEWTON, J. M., NASH, WARD, COUGH, BURGESS.
- Row 5: HENRY, PASCOE, STEELE, BROWN, WHITTAM, GRAY, M., NOVY, PORTER, SUTCLIFFE, HENSON, CONSTABLE, VALENTINE ;

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Swimming Sports

Friday, 19th June, 1953.

1. 100 yards (*Open*): 1. Collins (C); 2. Attenborough (R); 3. Readman (S); 4. Mercer (J); 5. Pettet (S); 6. Stern (J). *Time*: 1 min. 7.7 sec.
2. 440 yards (*Open*): 1. Collins (C); 2. Attenborough (R); 3. Stern (J); 4. Oppenheimer (S); 5. Clark (H); 6. Mercer (J). *Time*: 6 min. 16.1 sec.
3. *Back Stroke* (*Under 13*): 1. Evans (S); 2. Garrod (C); 3. Handscombe (M); 4. Barratt (M); 5. Treadwell (J). *Time*: 28 sec.
4. *Back Stroke* (*Under 14*): 1. Leil (M); 2. Roberts (S); 3. Wall (J); 4. Hesselberger (M); 5. Bustard (J); 6. Robson (J). *Time*: 28 sec.
5. *Back Stroke* (*Under 15*): 1. Barnes (C); 2. Stoddard (H); 3. Martin (R); 4. Start (R); 5. Sluce (H); 6. Vogler (R). *Time*: 24 sec.
6. *Back Stroke* (*Under 16*): 1. Collins (C); 2. Mercer (J); 3. Stern (J); 4. Chapman (C); 5. Berkeley (C); 6. Sholl (H). *Time*: 21.4 sec.
7. *Back Stroke* (*Over 16*): 1. Coe (M); 2. Attenborough (R); Farrand (H); Molineaux (R); 5. Routley (S). *Time*: 23 sec.
8. *Diving* (*Under 14*): 1. Steed (R); 2. Cramb (M); 3. Strange (H); 4. Tarlow (C); 5. Barratt (M); 6. Ebel (H).
9. *Free Style* (*Under 13*): 1. Garrod (C); 2. Barratt (M); 3. Evans (S); 4. Selby (M); 5. Winney (H); 6. Hollis (M). *Time*: 24.6 sec.
10. *Free Style* (*Under 14*): 1. Leil (M); 2. Healey (H); 3. Ohrenstein (R); 4. Roberts (S); 5. Mercer (J); 6. Steeds (M). *Time*: 23 sec.
11. *Free Style* (*Under 15*): 1. Barnes (C); 2. Sluce (H); 3. Martin (R); 4. Leverton (C); 5. Warwick (J); 6. Allen (H). *Time*: 20.4 sec.
12. *Free Style* (*Under 16*): 1. Collins (C); 2. Mercer (J); 3. Stern (J); 4. Bysher (S); 5. Pryke (C). *Time*: 17.5 sec.
13. *Free Style* (*Over 16*): 1. Haley (S); 2. Attenborough (R), Coe (M), Readman (S); 5. Farrand (H), Dichlian (M). *Time*: 19 sec.
14. *Diving* (*Under 16*): 1. Clifford (M); 2. Willmont (M); 3. Stewart (S); 4. Pryke (C); 5. Collins (C); 6. Charles (R), Martin (R).
15. *Breast Stroke* (*Under 13*): 1. Winney (H); 2. Watson (J); 3. Cramb (M); 4. Lovatt (R); 5. Sheppard (R); 6. Harris (R). *Time*: 30.6 sec.
16. *Breast Stroke* (*Under 14*): 1. Strange (H); 2. Hesselberger (M); 3. Witheridge (C); 4. Kirkby (C); 5. Smith (H); 6. Robson (J). *Times*: 27.6 sec.
17. *Breast Stroke* (*Under 15*): 1. Start (R); 2. Leff (M); 3. Sluce (H); 4. Stewart (S); 5. Vogler (R); 6. Barnes (C). *Time*: 25 sec.
18. *Breast Stroke* (*Under 16*): 1. Oppenheimer (S); 2. Stern (J); 3. Mercer (J); 4. Wildman (C); 5. Wilde (R); 6. Collins (C). *Time*: 22.2 sec.
19. *Breast Stroke* (*Over 16*): 1. Clark (H); 2. Coe (M); 3. Lincoln (C); 4. Attenborough (R); 5. Rogers (C); 6. Ovens (M). *Time*: 23.4 sec.
20. *Diving* (*Over 16*): 1. Pettet (S); 2. Gaunt (J); 3. Maconachie (R); 4. Keen (C), Molineaux (R), Pangalos (C).
21. *Medley Relay for the Hassett Cup*: 1. Strouts; 2. Hendersons; 3. Joblings; 4. Calverts; 5. Russells; 6. Meadows. *Time*: 1 min. 26.5 sec.
22. *Junior Team Race for the Peavot Cup*: 1. Calverts; 2. Joblings; 3. Hendersons; 4. Strouts; 5. Russells; 6. Meadows. *Time*: 1 min. 23.5 sec.
23. *Senior Team Race for the Taylor Wilson Cup*: 1. Strouts; 2. Hendersons; 3. Russells; 4. Calverts; 5. Meadows; 6. Joblings. *Time*: 1 min. 20 sec.

The Thomas Arno Cup for the Open and Over 16 events was won by Russells with 31 points. Strouts were second with 27, and Calverts third with 22 points. The replica was won by Collins.

The final positions in the competition for the House Swimming Shield were:—

1. Calverts, 139; 2. Meadows, 114½; 3. Russells and Strouts, 114; 5. Hendersons, 110½; 6. Joblings, 95.

Tennis

Tennis is proving very popular this year, and we have a larger number of enthusiasts than at any time since the end of the War. This is very encouraging and so, too, is the general standard of play. We have not yet achieved a first class team, but the signs are definitely hopeful. Herzog and Ovens, as a pair, have played with consistency of standard but perhaps need a little more aggression in their play. Ovens and Breedon played exceptionally well in the Glanvill Cup matches. It is a pity that we have not both the Walker brothers as regular members of the team as they play very well together and should not be separated for preference.

I feel that next year one fundamental idea in forming the first VI should be to play the same pairs in each match as far as possible. This of course would not exclude good play by members of the second VI from gaining them promotion. With other similar incentives I think we shall ultimately have what Mr. Campbell has set his heart on—a winning team. So far, the first VI have won 5 of their 10 matches played this season. The second VI have also done quite well, having won 2 of their 4 matches.

I have been especially pleased by the enthusiasm and definite promise shown by the juniors. They are shaping well and in particular Dorner, Robson, Stoddard, Hodgkinson, Bishop, Nice and Barker show a natural ability worth cultivating. In most instances the back-hand requires more attention and all are advised to work on this stroke as its importance cannot be over-emphasised.

The first VI has largely been composed of: Supran, Walker, J. G., Ovens, Herzog, Breedon and Bragg; Ridge, Lyle and Ross have also played for the first VI, with M. V. Walker as a most welcome guest player.

The Second VI has largely been drawn from: Breedon, Bragg, Ross, Ridge, Lyle, Crossick, Bishop, Barker and Nice. Breedon, as second VI captain, was cheerfully competent.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Campbell and Mr. Byrne for their unfailing interest, coaching and advice.

D. SUPRAN, *Captain of Tennis.*

Inter-House Competitions, 1952—1953

THE DUNTON SHIELD

The positions of the Houses at the end of the Spring Term, 1953, for combined work and sport were:—

1. JOBLINGS	1,033 points	4. HENDERSONS	867 points
2. RUSSELLS	988 „	5. STROUTS	849 „
3. MEADOWS	925 „	6. CALVERTS	847 „

House Notes

CALVERTS

Calverts have not, generally speaking, achieved this year the outstanding success of previous years. The House did well to win the Upper School Boxing, the Littlefield Cup for cross-country, and to be runners-up in the Upper School Sports. The Junior XV deserve congratulations since they were joint runners-up with Russells in the Junior Rugby.

The debit side of affairs is not so bright, and the most outstanding result is the extremely large number of detentions. A boy's detentions and general misbehaviour do not materially affect anyone but the boy himself, and one would think that even if a boy has no consideration for the success or failure of his House, he would be concerned on his own account.

Individual boys have shown considerable promise during the last two terms, and if more boys realise that a House depends upon the efforts of every member of the House, future prospects are bright.

M. J. KEEN, *Captain*.

HENDERSONS

Those in the House who indulge in a little retrospective thought, may come to feel that Hendersons has not done as well as seemed probable at the beginning of the School year. Why is this? The reason is, I think, that House teams did poorly in minor sports events, such as cross-country racing, athletics, tug-of-war, and so on. In the boxing we had a moderately large entry, which with the points already scored by our boxing colours, augured well for success in final placings. However, it was soon apparent that quality was lacking in our competitors, with one or two notable exceptions, and although blame can be laid at no one's door, we did not do very well.

The House rugger team played well but were defeated by a strong Joblings' side in the final. Russells beat us in the first round of the always unpredictable seven-a-side Rugger competition. Since work points scored for the House are a very personal business, it comes outside the scope of a House-Captain's comment, but its counterpart, the conduct of House-members, can be greatly influenced by those in control, and I intend there to be a distinct improvement on the part of habitual offenders; on the other hand the spirit and conduct of the great majority in the House have been excellent.

J. N. POLLOCK, *Captain*.

JOBLINGS

With the departure in the Summer Term of M. S. Lumsden and P. C. Shiells, Joblings' prospects did not appear to be good. However, during the first two terms of this year the House has remained at the top in the competition for the Dunton Shield, and,

though lacking last year's brilliance, has obtained a comfortable lead in the Upper School Work and Conduct Shield. Joblings' House has again won the Senior Rugger Competition, the Rugger seven-a-sides Tournament, the Senior Basket Ball Competition, and the Upper School Sports, and has also improved its performance in the Boxing Tournaments, the Cross-Country Race, in which it was runner-up, and in the Junior Rugger and Basket-Ball Competitions. Joblings' successes in all these activities have been alarmingly offset by the disappointing conduct and work of the Lower School section of the House.

At Christmas the House was fortunate to acquire the services as Assistant House-Master of Mr. Nicholas, whose influence resulted in a startling improvement in the conduct of the Lower School during the Spring Term, but their work remains inferior to that of any other House. This year the strength of the House resides, to a great extent, in the Fifth and Sixth Forms: as a consequence, House Ties were awarded at Christmas to M. Sarner, J. M. Bancroft and J. S. Mercer and at Easter to S. A. Crossick and J. R. Irwin, but there are many other boys in this section of the House who have made useful contributions and who have strong claims for the awarding of a House Tie in the near future. I should like to congratulate particularly three members of the House who have possessed House Ties for a long time, but have so distinguished themselves in the last two terms that further recognition is necessary; these boys are, W. D. M. Oeters, who has also served the House well as House Recorder, H. E. Couch and M. L. Cleveland. I should also like to thank my brother, A. M. Newton, for his assistance as House Vice-Captain and for his achievements on the sporting field, and to wish him, as the new House-Captain, and the House itself good luck in the Summer Term. Finally, the House's heartiest thanks must be given to Mr. Barling and Mr. Nicholas who, working in the background, have well controlled the House's behaviour and have helped considerably in the maintenance of Joblings' distinguishing spirit of enthusiasm. J. M. NEWTON, *Captain*.

MEADOWS

Looking through previous year's Meadows' House Notes, I have noticed one thing which they have in common, to wit—at the end of every year, the House at last shows signs of better things; in future Nevertheless, for every year following these, optimistic hypotheses, the House has appeared, judging by results, to have followed its predestined course of energetic mediocrity.

This year, however, I think that although results have not been very inspiring, the fault is not due to any excess of slackness, every boy in the House has contributed of his best with what few talents he had. The main reason for the average results in the 'Dunton' and 'Crossman' was the lack of cricketers and rugger players.

In the first term a promising start was made by leading in the 'Crossman', due to a very good result in the boxing competition; but, unfortunately, the House was unable to hold this lead due to heavy point losses the next term in the rugger, and last term in the cricket.

House positions were as follows:—

Rugger	out	1st round	Tug-of-war	2nd
Sevens	„	1st „	Athletics	3rd
Cricket	„	2nd „	Basket-Ball Junior	3rd
Boxing L.S.		1st	Cross-Country	4th
Boxing U.S.		2nd	Basket-Ball	6th
Swimming		2nd	Chess	6th

The most considerable improvement observed during this year has been in conduct. Detentions, lines, gatings, etc., have noticeably been kept at a minimum, and those which were won, were won by certain unfortunate 'dogs with bad names.'

In the field of sport, I should like here to mention a boy whose value to the House and to the School in this respect, is often, very unfortunately, hidden by his other 'activities.' I refer, of course, to Coe, whose enthusiastic assistance in athletics, swimming, and basket-ball has been gratefully received. Kipps, Neale and Bastin are other team Captains to whom I express my gratitude.

Thanks are also due to Spencer, the House Vice-Captain, and to Kent, whose industrious work as House Recorder has been especially helpful.

As these are the last words you will hear from me as House Captain, I would like to thank you all for your co-operation during the year, and I know that if this is given in future years, then your House will soon be the best in the School.

G.H.S.

RUSSELLS

So far this year, the hoped-for improvement in House affairs has to some extent been attained. In the Dunton shield we lie second, a position which we have the Summer Term to improve on.

In sport, the House still has to win a shield. In Boxing, a sport in which Russells has appeared first or second for many years, we were bottom. We did have as big an entry as every other House, but through apparent lack of training or will to win, we did not win a single final. In Rowing, a cup we have held for the last two years, we were narrowly beaten in the final by Strouts after an exciting race. At Rugger, both in senior and junior, our XVs were eliminated early on in the competition, and it was disheartening to see how few boys in the House came to support the House representatives. In the Athletics competition, our hopes were high, as we had the largest number of points for standard performances, but this position dwindled to fourth, due again, apparently, to lack of training of some of the finalists.

It is pleasing to note that, both in the Upper and Lower Schools,

Russells has been among the Houses with the fewest number of minus points. This is something of which we can be justly proud. But there are still too many boys who, though they may not have lost any points, haven't gained any either. It is these mediocre boys who must try to take a fuller part in House activities if we are to improve on our position in the Dunton Shield.

During the past few years, it has been discouraging to note how few boys ever turn out to support School teams in their various matches. This is a very bad sign in any School, and should never occur in this one. Many boys grumble about the School's performance in sport, without ever having seen the team in question. Speaking from experience, I can say how much a little support can affect one's performance, and I consider it selfishness that it should not be forthcoming. Here I think boys in Russells House could set an example, and help the School by giving their support to some of the School representatives in various activities.

Finally on behalf of the House I should like to thank Mr. Knight for his continued interest in the House, M. O. Newton, the Vice-Captain, and all the other senior boys who have contributed to the running of the House.

J.A.R.

STROUTS

The Autumn Term ended with Strouts in 3rd place for the Dunton Shield; the Spring Term ended with Strouts in 5th place. This is a state of affairs which can be remedied, but only by a much greater effort by all. During this last term a great effort has been made by a few boys but the general support has been poor. This was especially the case in the inter-House athletics and boxing. In both cases there were fine individual performances but poor results generally.

On the athletics field our best representatives were C. J. Nash, Pettet, Banham, Bysher and White, M.S., whose sterling performances and many successes were in vain because of the low number of standard times points previously obtained.

In the senior boxing Strouts finished 5th, although again this was not truly indicative of our ability since we had five finalists: White, M. S., White, W. I., Allen, Collombin and Stewart. The junior boxing was disappointing: only Wilson, Strouts' Lower School House Captain, reached the finals; he, fortunately, won.

Our rugby and sevens teams were eliminated in the first rounds, though the senior XV played a worthy game against Russells.

I feel that the absence of Darke (due to injury) in three of the basketball matches was largely responsible for our poor result in the senior event.

It is with some relief that I am able to report that we won the rowing, due to the efforts of C. J. Nash, Rowley, Kellett, Bryant

and Sale. We did quite well in the cross-country, too, coming 2nd and 3rd, in the senior and junior races respectively.

In the House cricket matches, however, we were easily beaten by Calverts in the first round. In the Swimming gala we were equal 3rd with Russells and gained the Hassett Cup and Senior Team races again. Our representatives were Evans, Haley, Readman, Oppenheimer, Bentley and Pettet.

Happily we have good news in the field of work and conduct and here special mention is due to O'Brien, Long, Oppenheimer, Hodgkinson, White, M.S., Brittan and Bradford, who all obtained exceptionally high numbers of House points. Unfortunately, there are some boys, particularly in the Upper School who seem to care little for the credit of the House. I hesitate to mention names in this respect, but shall feel obliged to in the future unless there is some notable improvement.

House ties have been awarded to M. S. White, J. G. Walker, Jarman, C. J. Nash and Collombin.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Jarman, a very able recorder, and M. V. Walker, who has contributed a good deal of time and interest to his position of vice-captain. I am sure that they and the rest of the House join with me in conveying to Mr. Pask our appreciation for his efforts on our behalf and for his interest in all matters concerning the House.

D. SUPRAN, *Captain*.

Combined Cadet Force

ARMY AND BASIC SECTIONS

The main events recorded up to the end of the Spring Term were the entry of 148 recruits into the Basic Section, bringing the total strength of the Corps to 351: the Field Days at Richmond Park, where training was hampered by thunderstorms, and at Radlett, where the weather was more co-operative: the formation of a small bore Shooting VIII which under the supervision of Mr. Osborn engaged in a series of inter-School matches: and the success of the Army Section cadets in the Certificate 'A' examination which was passed by 57 out of 58 candidates.

A cordial welcome is extended to Capt. J. A. Hood-Daniel, Capt. L. W. Spafford, 2/Lt. V. C. Osborn and Lt. J. Welbourne, who have recently joined the C.C.F.

Promotions: To C.S.M.: Maconachie, Silvey. To C.Q.M.S.: Breedon.

To Sgt: Barrow, Nash, Newton, Perkins, Pollock, Ridge, Robbins.

To Cpl: Cohn, Goad, Howell, Kaulins, Kent, Leverton, Rickwood.

To L/Cpl: Boyers, Burgess, Gross, Harris, Jones, Lincoln, Mansbridge, McLaren, Powell, Rosenstock, Scruton, Snowman, White.

Passed Qualified Signaller's Test: Boulton, Bryant, Irving, Molineaux.

Attended Courses: Signals Course: Cpl. Skrimshire.; Armourer's Course: Cadet Pannell; Drill Course: Cadets Smith, Speke; Junior Leader's Course: Cpls. Cohn, Howell.

ROYAL NAVAL SECTION

During the early part of the Summer Term we were pleased to welcome Cmdr. Collett, who, as Staff Officer to Air Vice-Marshal Seward, carried out an inspection of the Naval Section.

For the Whole Day Exercise on 29th May, the section paid a visit to Greenwich. A conducted tour of the Painted Hall and Chapel was followed by an individual inspection of the relics, firearms and models assembled together in the National Maritime Museum.

The Training programme included a film on Boatwork and members of the Starboard watch have spent the term constructing a model estuary to make the teaching of voyage and rule of the road a little more realistic.

Six cadets were successful in the ballot for the Coronation Review tickets and spent an enjoyable day inspecting the representatives of the world's navies moored off Spithead.

Promotions: To P.O., L/S Bennett. To L/S, A.B. Gray, Nash. To A.B., D. S. Bacon, Berkeley, Hanson, Haley, Lyle, Price.

R.A.F. SECTION

The Autumn Term commenced with the Section re-organised in two Flights under Sgts. Jones and Jarman, and a strength which ultimately reached fifty-seven. A slightly modified programme of training based on the revised syllabus was carried out, and at the end of the Spring Term almost a record number of twenty-eight cadets was entered for the Proficiency paper. Twenty-three passed (two with distinction, and ten with credit)—a very creditable result in view of the short time available for the preparation of the newest recruits. The senior part of the Section is as usual aiming at the Advanced Training badge in July.

The Autumn Term Field Day found half the unit at Kenley, and the remainder at West Malling. In addition to the usual programme available on these occasions all cadets at both stations were airborne. During this term, too, the hut at long last received some very necessary repairs and redecoration. At the final parade before Christmas there was once again a "Grand Competition" and a display of aeronautical films.

During the Christmas holidays Cpls. Beales and Rotheroe attended the N.C.O. course at Detling with successful results, and five other cadets spent a week at Compton Bassett on a radio course.

Training continued on normal lines during the Spring Term. The Field Day was held at Westbere Road and Hendon. In spite of some last minute uncertainty a reasonable programme was in the end carried out, and we were for once lucky enough to obtain some long flights. One party went to Culrose, near the Lizard, another to Dishforth, near Ripon, and a third toured the Home Counties for some three hours. All the rest of the unit received shorter flights.

We were disappointed that it was found impossible to hold an Easter camp, but we look forward to a very large party at camp in the summer.

Further opportunities have been given to cadets to qualify for gliding badges, and several more have completed courses at Langley. Here Cpl. Bastin has secured his "C" badge, the first achievement of the kind in the history of the unit.

During the Easter holidays cadets attended continuous courses at Halton and Hawkinge, where, in spite of unfavourable weather, five more "B" certificates were obtained.

Promotions: Cpl. Jarman, Cpl. Jones to be Sergeants (19/9/52); L/Cdts. Bancroft, Kellett, Rotheroe, Supran, Trott to be Corporals (19/9/52).

Increase in strength: Cdts. P. D. Church, J. R. Irwin, J. Ridge (10/10/52).

Decrease in strength: L/Cdt. D. J. Fulluck (31/3/53).

Proficiency Certificate: Cdt. D. A. Brown (1/12/52); Cdts. Arnold, Barnfather**, Battson*, M. E. Brown*, Church*, Clark, Easterbrook*, Fawcett*, A. H. Gardner, Hampshire, Heppner*, Hingley*, Hunter**, Irwin, Ive, James*, Packman, Reeve*, Richardson, Ridge, Summers*, Weitzman, Willcocks. (16/3/63).

*Indicates a pass with credit. **Indicates a pass with distinction.

Gliding: "C" Certificate: Cpl. Bastin (3/53) at Langley. "B" Certificate: L/Cdts. Wilkinson (1/53), Read (2/53), Hingley, Summers (3/53) at Langley. L/Cdts. F. L. Gardner, Richardson, Secker at Halton (29/3/53 to 12/4/53). Cdts. Higgs, J. G. Walker at Hawkinge (2/4/53 to 9/4/53).

Reflections of a Recruit

I must admit that I too laughed, as I hung out of the window on Friday afternoon watching a large section of boys, who only the day before had swaggered about the School, and who, on the whole, had enjoyed themselves. Now, they stood almost still in nearly straight lines obeying like automata the rigorous commands of the Sergeant. These boys, whom I had known the day before in School uniform, were dressed today in the quaintest of garments. I noticed one boy, a deal plumper than the rest, wearing trousers of a dirty-brownish colour that I felt sure would split if he even moved; in contrast to the trousers was a blouse that seemed to hang in heavy folds over him, (whether this was the uniform's fault I could not be certain), and then a belt round one of the wider portions, a ridiculous beret perched on his head, and a pair of heavy hob-nailed gardening-boots on his feet. I wondered why he had joined the Cadet Corps—was it to show he had pluck, determination, courage? or just that when in Rome he felt that he should emulate the Romans?

I really enjoyed watching them, picking out the mistakes, and gloating over the fact that they obeyed the older boys like sheep, even to the extent of marching up and down the playground half a dozen times. I hardly realized that this was to be my bitter lot next year, when I would be in their place and a new generation

would be chaffing me from the windows while I would blush furiously. Even the youths whom I had laughed at the previous year would look at me with distaste; "What's the Army coming to?", they would murmur audibly among themselves.

Now I had paid my money there was no getting out of it. I was caught in the meshes of the great machine which was to ingrain discipline and a sense of leadership into me. After passing the preliminary examinations I began to enjoy my experiences because I took my responsibilities seriously. The weekly training was no longer an arduous labour but a period in which I could learn something new and exciting. Perhaps, one day, I might be a C.S.M. and then I would reign omnipotent over the young recruits who would fall over themselves in their eagerness to respect my slightest wish; for did not Napoleon once say—"Every Private carries a Marshal's baton in his knapsack."

Alas for my military aspirations! The very next year I joined the Royal Air Force contingent. But, after all, an Air Chief Marshal's is not such a bad job, is it?

Special Service Unit

During the year activity has followed the customary pattern. First Aid classes organised by Mr. Campbell and the British Red Cross Society have completed their courses and a list of the successful candidates is given below. Under the guidance of Mr. Griffiths two groups have made a study of causes of conflict in the world, and certain boys have prepared papers on special facets of racial and religious intolerance. Other activities have included Life Saving under the direction of Mr. Thomas assisted by Attenborough, Farrand and Jefford; the management of the School garden, boat building, craft work, recreational gymnastics, printing and general service to the School. Special mention might be made of the excellent manner in which Barton has managed the School Press aided by Grimes and Lewis.

Successful candidates in British Red Cross Examinations:

Advanced Certificate: Attenborough, Fuller, Genis, Hall, Haverfield, Miller, Neale, Sarner, Thompson, Ullmann.

Elementary Certificate: Barker, Birn, Butlin, Cedar, Deaner, Edelman, Fine, Holland, Jefferies, Lee, Lewis, Long, Marks, Ryan, Schwara, Sebba, Sen Gupta, Shorn, Verbov.

Increase in strength: Boxer, Thompson, Cohen, Claff, Shorn, Gundlach.

Decrease in strength: Newton J. M., Harling, Levene, Stein.

The Canoe Club

During the Easter Holidays three expeditions were arranged and reports of these by members taking part are given below:—

BRITISH CANOE UNION EASTER MEET ON THE DOVE AND THE TRENT

It was raining when we arrived at Alton in Staffordshire on Thursday evening, and the ground was well saturated when we pitched tent in a cow-frequented field owned by the local publican.

Alton is on the River Churnet, a fast stream about twenty five feet wide and littered with logs and submerged rocks. We set off at midday on Good Friday in a School built canoe (and a little dubious of its capabilities) and found it best to let the river sweep us along with very little effort on our part. Our first portage was at Rocester, a depressing town with a bridge and a weir and a main street of cramped red brick houses, and from there we paddled down the River Dove to Uttoxeter where we camped. Saturday morning found us chipping ice out of the water bucket, and the nights generally were so cold that we found it necessary to wear everything we possessed in order to keep warm, even the water proof bags for kit storage. It rained most of the day and when we reached Egginton we found a rapid between the submerged masonry of a previous bridge. It was here that we saw a single canoe following us with its stern submerged and the rest rapidly sinking. With a cry of distress the canoeist swerved his now invisible craft sideways on to one of the bridge supports and went aground. There was a three inch tear in the skin of his canoe: we shot the rapids with fingers crossed.

On the Sunday morning we covered most of the journey to Swarkestone and being in the lead we decided to find somewhere to eat. Three others joined us and we were directed to a cafe, but getting no answer to my knocking, we walked on for half an hour in a hail storm, only to return and find that I had not knocked loudly enough. Tempers were frayed and I was not popular. The proprietor, a gentleman who might have been a retired army officer, watched the puddles forming on his polished Tudor floor and hurried to get five teas. When he returned he found another seven canoeists also demanding tea, and later these were joined by another nine. The proprietor showed remarkable courage in the face of such odds, and we felt a pang of sympathy for his hens who had to produce twenty-one poached eggs in a quarter of an hour.

Monday was fine and we canoed down the Dove to the Trent which had little current and paddling became hard work. It was also less entertaining, for, on the Dove, we experienced a certain thrill in being tossed by the current from one bank to the other as the river twisted through the moors. Our journey finished at Trentlock, the canoe was sent off by train and we returned to the van which was to carry us back to London.

We should like to thank all the members of the B.C.U., especially Mr. Dudderidge, whose expert arrangements and kind assistance made our trip so enjoyable, and E. R. Bastin for the loan of his canoe.

J. W. ROTHEROE.

THAMES CRUISE, BISHAM ABBEY TO STREATLEY AND BACK AGAIN

This was planned as a beginners' trip, led by Mr. Dudderidge and made possible by the generosity of the warden of the Abbey in lending the canoes. Each member of the party had undertaken to make a canoe seat during the Spring Term, and these were fixed into the canoes and left in them at the end of the trip.

The journey began on the Tuesday after Easter and the party was made up of thirteen boys, three girls and two masters, about one half of the members being in canoes for the first time. At the start there were a few set-backs, one of the girls slipped and took a header off the landing stage, a couple of boys found the canoes less stable than they thought, but the flotilla left the Abbey early in the evening and covered about five miles before dusk. It had been arranged that Hunter and Savage should camp out each night on the river bank and act as guards to the canoes, and this plan worked out very well. The other members of the party made their way to the nearest Youth Hostel, Henley or Streatley, and could sleep in the knowledge that their canoes were in safe keeping. The weather, with the exception of a short period one morning, was perfect, so that canoeing was enjoyable all the way. The actual time on the water was far from being the whole expedition: a walk over the hills surrounding Streatley, sing-songs at the hostels and picnic meals on islands in the river all contributed their share of enjoyment.

Of course the cruise could not have been such a success without Mr. Dudderidge, whose wonderful ability for organisation kept us together in spirit and pulled us through every minor crisis.

E. J. O'BRIEN.

CANOE TRIP, WATFORD TO BEDFORD

The original course proposed for the trip was that we should start from Watford, on the Grand Union Canal, and travel up it as far as Wolverton, near Northampton, there transfer to the Bedfordshire Ouse and paddle down to Bedford.

However, this admirable idea was not put strictly into practice as, by the time we had reached Berkhamsted, a distance of perhaps twelve miles (and thirteen locks, around which we had to carry the loaded canoes), we were all thoroughly sick of the sight of canals and locks.

We decided to catch a train up to Wolverton, about thirty miles away, and to continue from there down the Ouse. This we did, and arrived in Wolverton at about eight o'clock in the evening. After a restful night we launched into the Ouse early on Sunday morning, and made quite a good mileage to Tyringham. The next day we didn't do quite so well and stayed the night at Lavendon

Mill; incidentally, there is a Lavendon Mill mentioned in the Domesday Book. Tuesday we made rather a late start and, once again, did not cover much water and arrived quite late at Odell Castle, passing through villages with such quaint names as Newton Blossomville, Turvey and Harrold.

To make up for our two low mileage days, we managed to cover over sixteen miles to Branham Hall, where the owner very kindly gave us accommodation as we were wet from shooting a weir shortly before. This left us with not more than four miles to Bedford, which we completed by Thursday afternoon. During that last four miles one of our number managed to upset himself and his boat twice!

However, that did not detract from the pleasure of the trip and we all fully intend to enjoy this type of holiday in the summer, on the Wye.

P. F. SPENCER.

Chess

LONDON SCHOOLS' CHESS LEAGUE

The following are the results of the later matches:—

v. Westminster City School	Won 6—0
v. Sloane School	Won 4—2
v. St. Clement Danes School	Won $3\frac{1}{2}$ — $2\frac{1}{2}$
v. City of London School	Won 5—1
v. Willesden County School	Won $4\frac{1}{2}$ — $1\frac{1}{2}$
v. Owen's School	Won $3\frac{1}{2}$ — $2\frac{1}{2}$

The School came first in the qualifying competition, winning every match. The first four teams qualified for the semi-finals, and after beating City of London School $4\frac{1}{2}$ — $1\frac{1}{2}$, the School met William Ellis School in the final. The score was 3—3, and the match had to be decided by eliminating the result of the bottom board. This game was a win for the School, so that the match was won by William Ellis School.

NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

This season the School again lost to Athenaeum Chess Club, but in the second round instead of the third.

The results were as follows:—

v. Westminster Bank	Won $3\frac{1}{2}$ — $2\frac{1}{2}$
v. Athenaeum Chess Club	Lost 2—4

The following matches have also been played:—

v. Harrow Chess Club	Won $7\frac{1}{2}$ — $4\frac{1}{2}$
v. Willesden Chess Club	Won $5\frac{1}{2}$ — $4\frac{1}{2}$
v. Queen Elizabeth's School	Lost 3—5
v. Mill Hill School	Won 6—0
v. City of London School (Juniors)	Won 5—1

M. Lipton came second in the London Under-16 Championship. J. T. Farrand won the Southern Counties Junior Championship by a clear margin of $1\frac{1}{2}$ points, Farrand and Hall tied for 4th place in the British Boys' Championship at Hastings, and in the lightning tournament held afterwards Farrand finished first ahead of Mr. R. G. Wade, the British Champion, and K. F. H. Inwood, the new British Boy Champion. At the Ilford Whitsun Congress, J. K. Dallison won his junior section, and also the best game prize, though four years younger than most of the other competitors.

This season six members of the team have played for Middlesex and between them have won 7 games, drawn 3 and lost 1. The School also contributed to the Middlesex Junior team which won the Junior County Championship.

We are greatly indebted to Mr. Griffiths for his work in helping to organise a very full programme of matches and tournaments, and to Miss Savill for her co-operation in meeting several last-minute rearrangements.

A. HALL, *Hon. Secretary.*

Debating Society

During the latter half of the Autumn Term the House held three meetings. Mr. Bragg succeeded in persuading the Society that Gambling was a National Evil. Later we experimented with what is colloquially known as a "chestnut." The subject was Co-education and the chestnut proved adequately hot. The Society concluded the term by holding a lunch hour debate.

At the beginning of the Spring Term the activities of the House were hampered somewhat by lack of a patron, Mr. White being unable to attend owing to his occupation with the opera. This difficulty was eventually solved by Mr. Kinder who very kindly offered to become Patron of the Society.

The House commenced by deciding that Polish Trade Unions were not desirable in Great Britain. After this the leader of the House moved "That this House believes Englishmen are not kind to Animals." The conclusion reached was that the love of money was the root of all evil. Following the discovery of this profound truth the House proceeded to a motion of Mr. Lipton's, namely "That this House is opposed to Americanism but not to individual Americans." This brought the observation that the residents of God's Own Country were not Angels.

The last debate of the Term was held at Copthall County School. Mr. Humphrey failed in an attempt to show that Education was of no use today, whilst Mr. Lipton was successful in showing life to be worth living. During the latter debate the House was treated to dissertations on "Hangovers" and "Suicide" by Messrs. Maconachie and Bragg.

The Society wishes to thank Mr. White for his past services as patron, Mr. Kinder for his acceptance of this office during Mr. White's absence, and all the officers and members who have made debating possible. To those who have not yet sampled debating at School we say come and try—debating can be enjoyed by low, middle and high brows in descending order of importance.

M. E. BROWN, *Hon. Sec.*

Literary Society

THE CHRISTMAS ISLANDERS

The need for and purpose of a society seriously concerned with Literature had been for some months a matter of discussion among senior boys of the School, when, on 5th March, a meeting was called at which a paper was read and very definite birth given to such a society. Mr. Moody took the chair, and explained that he had long felt the need for a society in which persons from various parts of the senior School, who would not normally make much contact with each other, could bring together their different information and points of view. The principal form of activity, the preparation and reading of papers by members, would involve some labour but would, it was hoped, lead to discussion at a high and serious level, while enabling the Society to avoid any worthless dilettantism. The Society could later deal with other of the arts, and the Chairman hoped that it would not come to depend for its membership on a small and narrow group.

A committee of representatives from groups of forms was then chosen, with Mr. Moody as President, and J. M. Newton as Secretary. Newton then read a paper entitled "When is a melodrama not a melodrama?" In this he discussed two novels about Central Africa, "Alan Quartermain," by Rider Haggard, and "Heart of Darkness," by Joseph Conrad.

The meeting of 22nd March took the form of a symposium of readings which should help us to decide whether school-life had been adequately represented in literature. The readings were read with brief comments by members of the Society, and ranged from popular school-boy fiction to the work of James Joyce. A lively discussion proved that on the whole we were dissatisfied with the school-life depicted in literature.

On 14th May L. S. Fine read a paper entitled "Some attempts in literature to envisage the future," with particular reference to the work of H. G. Wells and Aldous Huxley. At this meeting it was decided to call the Society "The Christmas Islanders." The exact origin and significance of the title was widely discussed, but for us "Christmas Island" was to stand as a place, not apart from life, but apart from the cheap and second-rate. "Christmas Islanders"

would discuss what they thought to be of worth and value, hoping in this way to see life in a fuller reality.

I hope that the interest shown by the School will continue and increase, and I should like to thank J. M. Newton for his work as the first Secretary. All members should be very grateful to Mr. Moody for really getting the Society on its feet, and to Mr. Nicholas, who has taken the chair at two meetings and shown an equal interest in our affairs.

G. B. BINDING, *Hon. Sec.*

Motor Enthusiasts Club (M.E.C.)

A new society for boys interested in cars was founded last term with the object of seeing films and motor racing as well as learning something of the working of the modern automobile.

We have been fortunate enough in procuring a number of good films on motor racing, the training of 'bus drivers, model racing cars, and famous hill climbs.

A talk by Mr. Rouse, well illustrated with slides, was much appreciated, and the members were very interested in his discussion on car design and the beneficial effect of scientific air-flow design. We are looking forward to another talk by Mr. Rouse.

A number of firms have been approached to allow us to visit their factories, and one firm has promised a lecture. We wish to express our thanks to Mr. Osborn for his much appreciated advice and support, and to Barrow who has procured the various films. We are also in the debt of Kaulins, without whom the projector would have been useless. Cummins has kept the notice board well plastered with colourful advertisements of the different racing meetings to be held.

Thanks are also due to the B.A.R.C. who allowed us a dozen complimentary tickets for Goodwood on 6th April.

The foregoing has been a description of our activities since being founded, and we hope for an increase in enthusiastic membership together with more films and lectures in the coming months.

P.J.

Music Society

The Society has had quite a prosperous term. Attendance has been greater than during the Autumn Term and a considerable variety of music has been played. Contemporary British Music has been well represented by works by Bax, Vaughan Williams and Walton, and an excursion into the lighter variety of music was provided by a selection from "Oklahoma" on records provided by M. Lincoln.

Two visits have taken place—one on 29th January to a concert by the Boyd Neel Orchestra which provided an opportunity of hearing several little-known works including Gordon Jacob's Bassoon Concerto which was excellently played by Archie Camden, who afterwards treated us to a demonstration of the bassoon's intricacies. The other visit was to Sadlers Wells where a party of nineteen witnessed a performance of "Cavalleria Rusticana" and "I Pagliacci." Especially worthy of mention here is the fine interpretation of the second scene of "Pagliacci" which was outstanding.

Thanks are due to Dr. McLellan for his help and support, to Mr. Moody for kindly allowing us to use Room 24, and to Lincoln, our Asst. Secretary, for the hard work he has put in.

Finally, my thanks to Baxter of the Hampstead Library for his help.

A. L. BARTON, *Hon. Sec.*

Natural History Society

INDOOR MEETINGS

Films shown during the Spring Term included two on the importance of Water in Nature and one on Limestone and the part it plays in moulding the landscape of this country.

The Society's Annual Tea took place on Thursday, 19th March, when 20 members and two guests, Mr. Payne and Mr. Savory, sat down to an excellent tea prepared by Miss Savill and her staff. After the tea the Society adjourned to the Physics Lecture Theatre to hear an introductory talk by Mr. Savory on the study of Spiders. The talk was illustrated by many beautiful photographs. The evening's entertainment ended with the showing of a colour cartoon film on the formation of mineral oil.

OUTDOOR MEETINGS

During the Christmas holidays two field meetings were held. A cycling meeting around south Hertfordshire was supported by ten members, and among the many birds seen a flock of about 300 Golden Plover was perhaps the most interesting. The other meeting was held at the Barn Elms and Lonsdale Road Reservoirs. Here the members had a good opportunity of seeing ten species of duck, including Scaup, Pintail and Gadwall.

The half-term meeting along the Colne valley produced a large variety of birds typical of that type of country.

On the last Sunday of the term eleven members of the Society visited the North Kent Marshes, with members of the London Natural History Society. Although the weather was not very good, a large number of birds were seen including Red-throated Diver, Bar-tailed Godwit and a Merlin. In addition to these some members were fortunate enough to have good views of a Marsh Harrier,

and all agreed that the visit was well worth while.

During the Easter holidays six field meetings were arranged but attendance was rather poor, mainly because of rainy conditions on three of the days. Nevertheless many interesting birds were seen, including a pair of little Ringed Plovers at Perry Oaks. In the field of Entomology it may be mentioned that an interesting encounter with a number of Dipterous flies occurred in the same locality.

It is perhaps surprising to note that members of the Society saw no less than 90 species of birds, in the first four months of the year, at the Society's meetings.

BRENT RESERVOIR DUCK SURVEY

Throughout the Autumn and Spring Terms regular fortnightly meetings have been held at the reservoir. Though the main purpose of the meetings is to count the wildfowl on the reservoir, many other interesting birds can be watched at close range including Stonechats, Yellow Wagtails, Wheatears and migrants generally. It is probably not realised by the majority of members that the reservoir is well worth regular watching at all seasons, and it is hoped that more of them will take advantage of the opportunities it offers in getting to know some of our common and rarer British birds.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Small, our Patron, for his unfailing interest in the Society's progress, to Mr. Payne for allowing us to use the Physics Lecture Theatre for our indoor meetings, and Kaulins, the projectionist, for showing the films for us.

J. C. LORD, *Hon. Sec.*

Photographic Circle

Attendance at meetings has been distinguished only by the regularity of a few stalwarts. This is the greater pity as the lectures we have received have been particularly interesting. Cummins and Phillips spoke on Flash Photography and Filters respectively, while the high light of the Spring Term proved to be the most instructive and absorbing demonstration sponsored by Messrs. Ilford Ltd. The subject chosen, "Colour Photography" has prompted the project, which it is hoped to complete by Commendation Day, of preparing colour transparencies by separation. The theme for the Exhibition next term has yet to be chosen but suggestions include the Coronation and a Portrait Gallery of Masters of the School.

Our sincerest thanks are due to our President Mr. Rouse for his unfailing enthusiasm and helpfulness.

A. BECK, *Hon. Sec.*

Sociological Society

The year's activities began with a visit to the "Evening Standard" printing works in Holborn and two visits to the Cable and Wireless telegraph exchange on the Victoria Embankment. The half-term coach trip was very much enjoyed by all who participated, visits being made to Vauxhall Motors Ltd., at Luton, and the Rothamsted Agricultural Research Station at Harpenden.

A series of extremely interesting Thursday lunch-hour meetings was arranged by Mr. Campbell during the Autumn Term, and I am pleased to say that these meetings were well supported by the members of the Society. The programme included a talk by Mr. Osborn about his home town—Buderim—in Queensland, Australia, and another talk by Mr. Dudderidge on his visit to Helsinki in connection with the Olympic Games. We are indebted to both these masters for giving up their time to address the Society.

The highlight of the programme was the Society's Annual Tea on Tuesday, 2nd December, at which the Coca-Cola Company provided two films and a free sample of their product for each member of the Society who attended. We were also entertained by a short film showing the train journey from London to Brighton in four hectic minutes.

The Society's activities continued during the Christmas holidays when we visited Kemps biscuit factory, Kodak Ltd., at Wealdstone, J. Lyons & Co., at Cadby Hall, Hammersmith, Schweppes Mineral Waters Ltd., at Hendon, and the G.P.O. Sorting Office at Mount Pleasant.

The first Spring Term meeting was held in conjunction with the Science Society, when Mr. Beak, the Training Officer at the Post Office Research Station, Dollis Hill, gave us a very interesting account of Post Office Research work. He very kindly invited ten members to visit the Station on the Friday afternoon of half-term, and arranged a very interesting tour for our benefit. During the Easter holidays, another coach trip was made to Luton, when this time we visited the Percival Aircraft Company's factory. Other visits were made to the Radio Times printing works at Park Royal, Wall's ice-cream factory at Acton, and for sixth form members of the Society, a visit to County Hall for a session of the London County Council, as guests of Mr. H. Brooke, M.P. for Hampstead.

I would like to thank the Chairman, P. D. Jarman, for his continued interest and help, and J. W. Rotheroe, who has managed the financial side of the Society. Finally, on behalf of myself and all the members, may I express my thanks to Mr. Campbell for his help and guidance in arranging all the activities of this Society.

K. F. TROTT, *Hon. Sec.*

Richard II

by WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

Presented by the Dramatic Society
on December 11th, 12th and 13th, 1952

The School play this year once more proved the value of a simple setting with imaginative use of curtains and lighting in the production of Shakespeare. The old convention of an unlocalised scene save for token banners for lists, and trees for a garden and so on, combined with splendid costume, allows full licence to the spoken word in its impact upon the imagination of the audience. Curtains and a coloured backcloth are convenient and do not intrude. Lighting can be a positive aid.

The speed and continuity effected by this method was the great advantage of this production of "Richard II." This chronicle play was all the more ambitious for a school production in not having the comic sub-plot of Henry IV, or the comic and romantic relief of Henry V. It might easily have flagged and lost the attention of the audience. In fact this did not happen, even in the rather dangerously confusing middle part of the play, where everybody is posting hither and thither, mustering or disbanding their forces. The colour and excitement of the opening scenes set the pace for the rest of the play, which paused only for the death of Gaunt. Thence forward it worked up to a fine climax at the renunciation of the crown by Richard, and declined in intensity from there to close quietly with his imprisonment, death and funeral procession.

Audibility and diction were excellent throughout the play, but unfortunately real feeling and relish for high-sounding language seemed to be lacking. M. A. Phillips as Richard was the only major exception to this fault. He made the most of some magnificent speeches. As reigning King he had petulance in his gait, but did not emphasise Richard's weak ineffectiveness sufficiently in his speaking. As deposed King, enobled by suffering, he held the stage magnificently in the renunciation scene, finding triumph in humiliation. D. A. Harling played Bolingbroke with abundant insolence, and, when crowned, with authority. He has a good voice but did not use it to full advantage. A. L. Barton was frail and servile enough, but hardly "a prophet new-inspired," as Gaunt. He spoke the much quoted "This England" speech with successful apparent spontaneity, but I should have preferred declamation. M. J. Lewis was more at home as a gardener than as Duke of Norfolk, in which part he was too heavily intense. His gardener, however, was an impressive piece of small part playing. M. J. Ive as York was competently aged and bowed with care, but rather too inclined to stare fixedly at the ground. L. J. Clark as Aumerle stood out not only by virtue of a fine costume, but also of graceful

movement, and natural spirited speaking. M. Sarner and L. G. Beddison as Northumberland and his son were appropriately business-like and determined, though Beddison moved too woodenly. The lesser nobility were all competent but understandably indistinguishable. Hoare, Lipton and Tappin made plausible "caterpillars of the commonwealth," Lipton making up in vivacity for an excess of stolid moroseness on the part of Tappin. A. C. Langmead as the Queen was the most credible leading boy-lady I have seen. His voice and movements were impeccable, but he seemed rather too worried even before the King's troubles began.

A successful production, such as this was, presupposes much hard work, little heard, less seen and often unrealised by the audience. Although this was all but unnoticeable, as it should be from the body of the hall, I can from previous experience vouch for the essential efficiency of call-boy, stage-hand, make-up artists and all the rest. The producer gave us the opportunity to express our appreciation of these backstage workers.

That the success of this production needs so little qualification bears witness to the hard work of the producers, Mr. Moody and Mr. Nicholas, the actors and all concerned with arrangements both on and off the stage.

CAST

KING RICHARD	.	.	.	.	.	.	M. A. Phillips
JOHN OF GAUNT, DUKE OF LANCASTER	.	.	.	.	.	.	A. L. Barton
HENRY BOLINGBROKE, DUKE OF HEREFORD	.	.	.	.	.	.	D. A. Harling
THOMAS MOWBRAY, DUKE OF NORFOLK	.	.	.	.	.	.	M. J. Lewis
THE LORD MARSHAL	.	.	.	.	.	.	M. J. Bragg
THE DUKE OF AUMERLE, COUSIN TO THE KING	.	.	.	.	.	.	L. J. Clarke
THE DUKE OF YORK, HIS FATHER	.	.	.	.	.	.	M. J. Ive
BUSHY	}	KING'S FAVOURITES	.	.	.	.	J. M. Hoare
GREEN			.	.	.	.	M. J. Lipton
BAGOT			.	.	.	.	M. Tappin
THE DUKE OF NORTHUMBERLAND	.	.	.	.	.	.	M. Sarner
HENRY PERCY, HIS SON	.	.	.	.	.	.	L. G. Beddison
LORD ROSS	.	.	.	.	.	.	G. Rogers
LORD WILLOUGHBY	.	.	.	.	.	.	C. A. Herbert
LORD BERKELEY	.	.	.	.	.	.	S. G. Theodorou
THE EARL OF SALISBURY	.	.	.	.	.	.	N. R. Read
THE BISHOP OF CARLISLE	.	.	.	.	.	.	M. A. Lincoln
SIR STEPHEN SCROOP	.	.	.	.	.	.	G. Rogers
SIR PIERCE OF EXTON	.	.	.	.	.	.	M. Bragg
A GARDENER	.	.	.	.	.	.	M. Lewis
HIS ASSISTANT	.	.	.	.	.	.	J. A. R. Jeffers
THE KEEPER	.	.	.	.	.	.	D. Goldman
A GROOM	.	.	.	.	.	.	M. J. Vane
HERALDS	.	.	.	.	.	.	M. T. Collins, G. H. Arnold
ATTENDANTS, MESSENGERS, SOLDIERS	.	.	.	.	.	.	S. P. R. Rose, V. J. Mathias, M. Heppner
THE QUEEN	.	.	.	.	.	.	A. C. Langmead
ATTENDANTS TO THE QUEEN	.	.	.	.	.	.	L. Brittan, C. Ridge

BACKSTAGE

MUSICIANS	.	.	.	.	P. S. Summers, D. J. Fawcett, W. I. White
PROMPTER	.	.	.	.	M. F. Neale
CALL BOY	.	.	.	.	J. D. Fox
MAKE-UP	.	.	.	.	Mr. J. W. Lear and others
COSTUMES	.	Mr. J. C. McNair, P. Oppenheimer, J. W. Rotheroe, P. J. Beales			
ELECTRICIANS	.	.	.	.	C. A. Lang, E. R. Bastin, M. L. James
STAGE HANDS	.	.	.	.	J. S. Mercer, N. A. Parker
PROPERTIES	.	.	.	.	R. Fisk
COVER DESIGN FOR PROGRAMME	.	.	.	.	P. R. MITCHELL
TRUMPET CALLS COMPOSED BY	.	.	.	.	Dr. E. A. McLellan
SCENE PAINTING	.	.	.	.	Mr. R. Keevil, B. R. Lincoln
STAGE WORKS AND SCENERY	.	.	.	.	Mr. J. W. Lear
STAGE MANAGER	.	.	.	.	I. H. Beach
BUSINESS MANAGER	.	.	.	.	Mr. T. L. Sanderson
PRODUCERS	.	.	.	.	Mr. H. L. B. Moody, Mr. W. A. Nicholas

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“Ruddigore” by W. S. GILBERT AND ARTHUR SULLIVAN

Presented by the Operatic Society
on May 19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd, 1953.

THE DRAMA

It has now become the custom, “when the night wind howls” during the early months of each year, for many members of the School to join in rehearsing for a Gilbert and Sullivan opera; and this year, after an unfortunate delay caused by much illness, the outcome was an excellent production of “Ruddigore.” The Operatic Society has benefited by experience, and the general standard of acting was more consistent than before. Good teamwork was evident throughout, and at several points—particularly during the finale of Act 1—the opera had an exhilarating pace. The Master of the Haberdashers’ Company described it as “first class”; and the conductor was justified in thanking the audience for their good sense in coming along to see the show!

The story of “Ruddigore” has little point in itself, but since it provides for bad baronets, guileless maidens and plenty of tyrannical ghosts, nobody minds very much. As the hapless Sir Ruthven Murgatroyd, Mr. Moody acted well, though his grace and gestures did not always adequately reflect the situation. In Act 1 he was indeed “modestly personified”; but in the more complex role of Act 2 he preserved too much of the young farmer at the expense of the “bad Bart.” E. J. O’Brien was delightful as the “incompetent old impostor” Richard Dauntless: though he over-acted slightly and had one or two lapses of memory he gave an admirable portrayal of “bumptious self-assertiveness.” Mr. Keevil really stepped into the character of Sir Despard, thoroughly wicked and thoroughly respectable by turns: he combined perceptive acting with a keen and subtle sense of humour to give an excellent

performance. M. Sarner was in the "spirit" of the thing as the ghostly Sir Roderic: his speech and gestures were very good, and he had an appropriately impassive face. Mr. Browning did well as Old Adam, taking over at short notice from M. J. Pringle—who was unlucky enough to fall ill.

Next we come to the leading ladies, who in a production of this kind are younger and smaller than the other principals, yet must act with equal skill. Sweet Rose Maybud is meant to be elegant and coy, with an element of the ridiculous—D. P. Gilby, however, showed more of a tendency to be sulky and sultry and had little sense of the satire. But he made a valiant effort in a difficult part. P. D. Lewis was well-cast as Mad Margaret, and made the most of his part. He spoke clearly and with feeling, and his movements were excellent. In Act 1 he showed a nice appreciation of the finer points of madness, and in the second half was wonderfully demure in between relapses—he deserves high praise. J. A. Darby was rather stiff at times, but acted quite competently and had a voice of unusual quality; as Dame Hannah, he succeeded in a consistent portrayal of old age. J. D. Scofield, as Zorah, had grace and charm and showed considerable perception; but Ruth, as played by J. Gleeson, though pleasant, was too lifeless.

The Chorus of Bridesmaids was somewhat jerky, and often rather limp between concerted movements: some boys responded automatically at the prescribed times, and did not always pay attention to what was happening on the stage. But the female chorus—and those who train it—are faced with notorious difficulties; and it would be unfair to judge too harshly. The bridesmaids' smooth entrances, their general grouping, and quiet exits—with no offstage rumpus—were well-done; and there was evidence of very careful rehearsal.

The Bucks and Blades, in magnificent costume, were marked by quite mature acting. This chorus too was well rehearsed, and several members had previous experience. Movement and gestures were good, and though some of the gallants were a little stiff the majority were neither too alike nor too independent. As a Chorus of Ghosts, they again did well: a few boys showed a tendency to smirk a little, but most were suitably gaunt and grisly. The general impression was very favourable.

The decor for Act 1 was quite well-painted, but the focal point was rather lost; however, the Picture Gallery set, with its excellent portraits and clever changes, was ingenious and effective. Congratulations to those who constructed and painted this scenery; also to stage manager Beech, who directed a speedy and efficient staff. The electricians did well, particularly in enhancing the eerie effects of Act 2. The make-up was expertly done, and had a transforming influence; while the costumes were well cared for by Mr. Craig. The call-boy was quiet and efficient, and the

prompter had his wits about him. Thanks are also due to Mr. Lear, who arranged the delightful hornpipe and gavottes; and to Mr. Nicholas the associate producer

Lastly, the producer, Mr. J. G. White, and the conductor, Dr. E. A. McLellan, are to be heartily congratulated. "Ruddigore" was a real success. R.E.J.

THE MUSIC

Although the music of "Ruddigore" has not caught the public ear to the extent of the more familiar "Gilbert and Sullivan," it is nevertheless characteristic of Sullivan's charm and refined humour, qualities which were ably captured by the Operatic Society, and communicated to the audience with commendable success. An operatic score presents a formidable task, and credit goes to principals and chorus alike for their confident and spontaneous singing. If there was, perhaps, an occasional lapse, it was rectified with the promptitude that comes only from a thorough knowledge of the music.

The comparative rarity of the contralto voice makes it a difficult one to cast, and we were fortunate indeed in having Lewis and Darby, both of whom achieved the full resonant quality of tone which was particularly effective in Lewis's splendid portrayal of Mad Margaret. A tang of the sea came in with O'Brien, whose rollicking singing of "I shipp'd, d'ye see" at once gave Richard the sparkling vitality he maintained throughout. He combined effectively, too, in duets with Gilbey, who kept a firm, clear tone in the exacting soprano lead. Messrs. Moody, Keevil, and Browning gave maturity of voice to their respective roles and were especially happy in those skilfully-contrived and tongue-twisting duets and trios with which the works of G. and S. are liberally sprinkled.

In the Second Act, an awesome, and appropriately hollow-toned chorus of ancestors—"painted emblems of a race,"—heralded a baritone voice of a sonority and expression uncommon in youth. "When the night wind howls in the chimney cowl,"—Sarner really made our flesh creep here, and later, in more lyrical vein, his duet with Hannah well merited the encore it gained.

The chorus of Bridesmaids and its leader, Zorah, sang with becoming daintiness, and joined forces with the men's chorus with telling effect, especially in the climaxes and the finale of Act I, when both soloists and chorus dexterously threaded their way through the traditional entanglements of recitative and ever changing tempos.

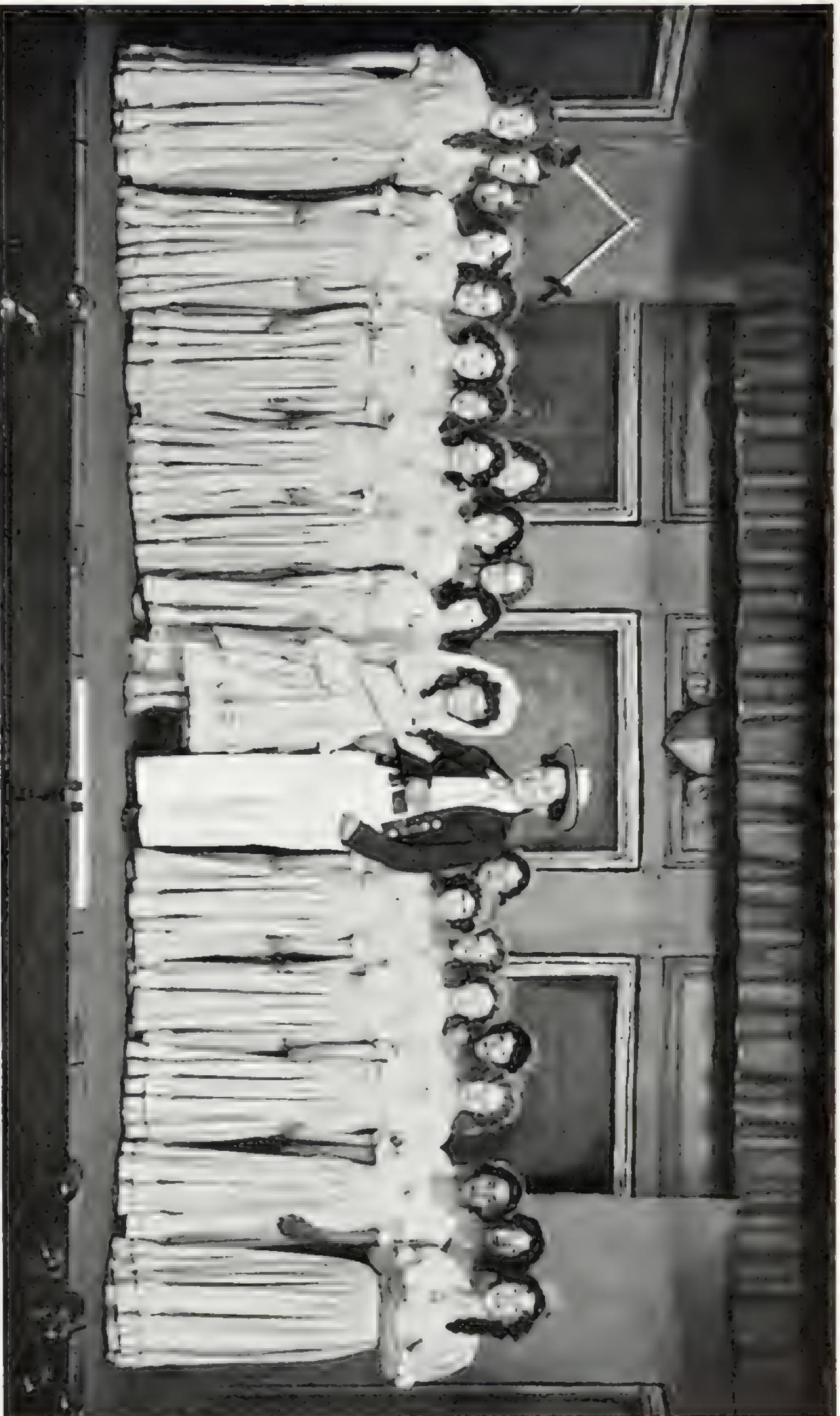
A worthy disregard for Sir Despard's subversive observation—

"This particularly rapid, unintelligible patter

Isn't generally heard, and if it is it doesn't matter!"

made the entire performance notable for its clarity of diction and good phrasing.

.. RIDDICORRE, 1953



Chorus of Bridesmaids with Sweet Rose Maybud (D. P. Gilby) and Richard Dauntless (E. J. O'Brien).

Photo by William J. O'Brien, Jr.

"RUDDIGORE", 1953



Chorus of Ancestral Ghosts and the hapless Sir Ruthven Mungatroyd Mr. H. B. L. Moody .

Photo by Westwood & Nodes, Kinshua

The adequate orchestra brought out the full flavour of Sullivan's racy but discreet accompaniment, at the same time supporting the singers with a restraint not often lacking.

To all who took part, to Routley, the accompanist, and to Dr. McLellan, under whose direction the music attained its high level, the weeks of hard work and rehearsal will have brought a gratifying reward.

G.S.

CAST

SIR RUTHVEN MURGATROYD, <i>disguised as</i> ROBIN OAKAPPLE, <i>a young Farmer</i>	H. L. B. Moody, Esq.
RICHARD DAUNTLESS, <i>his Foster-Brother—a Man-o'-war's-man</i>	E. J. O'Brien
SIR DESPARD MURGATROYD OF RUDDIGORE, <i>a wicked Baronet</i>	P. Keevil, Esq.
GHOST OF SIR RODERIC MURGATROYD, <i>the twenty-first Baronet</i>	M. Sarner
OLD ADAM GOODHEART, <i>Robin's faithful Servant</i>	J. Browning, Esq.
ROSE MAYBUD, <i>a Village Maiden</i>	D. P. Gilby
MAD MARGARET	P. D. Lewis
DAME HANNAH	J. A. Darby
ZORAH, <i>a Professional Bridesmaid</i>	I. D. Scofield
RUTH, <i>a Professional Bridesmaid</i>	J. Gleeson
CHORUS OF BUCKS & BLADES, ACT I AND GHOSTS, Act 2	Messrs. Campbell, Farrington, Griffiths; Austin, Beales, Beddison, Claff, Goldman, Irving, I. D., Jefferies, Keen, M. J., Mans- bridge, Phillips, Ridge, N., Robbins, J. A., Rotheroe, Snowman, West.
CHORUS OF PROFESSIONAL BRIDES- MAIDS AND FISHER-GIRLS	Bulstrode, Cann, Cattle, Evans, C., Fitz- gerald, Foster, Friedman, Goldstone, Howe, Jain, Leil, Long, T., Read, M. J., Ridge, D., Shepard, Shorn, Smart, Sprott, St. John.

BACKSTAGE

PRODUCER	J. G. White, Esq.
MUSICAL DIRECTOR	Dr. E. A. McLellan
ASSISTANT PRODUCER	W. A. Nicholas, Esq.
STAGE MANAGER	I. H. Beach
ASSISTANTS	J. D. Fox, J. S. Mercer, N. A. Parker
COSTUMES SUPERVISED BY	J. A. Craig, Esq.
SCENERY CONSTRUCTION	I. H. Beach & assistants
DANCES ARRANGED BY	J. W. Lear, Esq.
PROPERTIES	R. K. Fisk
SCENERY PAINTED BY	I. H. Beach, A. G. Stark, S. G. Theodorou
UNDER THE DIRECTION OF	P. Keevil, Esq.
MAKE-UP	Messrs. J. W. Lear, G. C. Hickman, H. Warren, and others
WIGS	Miss M. J. Lear, Miss H. M. Wozencroft
ELECTRICIANS	C. A. Lang, M. L. James, C. L. Barnfather, A. E. Fuller
PROMPTER	R. Matthews
CALL-BOY	M. J. Bragg
PROGRAMME COVER DESIGNED BY	P. Keevil, Esq.
PROGRAMMES PRINTED BY	A. L. Barton, D. W. Grimes, P. D. Lewis

ORCHESTRA

CONDUCTOR	Dr. E. A. McLellan
K. Piper, <i>Leader</i> ; B. Barber, J. Bonner, O. Boughton, I. Buckingham, A. Butler, P. Crane, B. Haines, I. Keen, H. New, C. Perkins, D. Shephard, A. Way, J. Weiss, T. Windsor, R. Woodland.	
PIANOFORTE & REHEARSAL ACCOMPANIST	J. H. Routley
ORCHESTRAL LIBRARIAN	W. I. White

Printing Notes

Throughout the School year the printing department has continued the work which was so ably put into our care by Burgess. Beside the usual programmes we do, there has been a quite large source of work coming from the various School Societies. Once again the press is deeply indebted to Messrs. Keevil and Hickman; and also to Mr. Dudderidge, who has found us an assistant in P. D. Lewis.

D.W.G., A.L.B.

Science Library

The last two terms have shewn a continued use of the library by members of the School and in particular by Sixth form boys preparing for scholarships. The library now contains a large number of standard works and recent additions have been most of the new naturalist series, and a new edition of Partington's Text book of Inorganic Chemistry.

Boys in the Lower School seem to read Science books for the sake of interest, and it is a pity that Upper School boys, particularly Fifth and Sixth Form boys, should only read that which directly concerns their School work. School work, while of vital importance, should not assume such proportions that we know only that which helps to pass the next examination. Both the Science and the Modern Library exist to help boys read more widely, and to continue their education begun in School.

Our thanks are due to all Old Boys who have presented books this year, and to the assistant librarians for their help. We are very grateful to Mr. Savory for his real interest in the library, without which it could not function.

M. J. KEEN, *Science Librarian.*

School Library

It is pleasing to be able to record that, during the first two terms of this year, there has been a marked improvement in the manner in which members of the School have used the Library. The absence of last year's untidiness may be attributed partly to the fact that Private Study is now being done in the Hall and not in the Library and partly to the keen and regular work of the assistant-librarians. In order to increase the extent to which library books are borrowed by members of the School, it is hoped to expand the fiction section during the next few terms. I should like, finally, to express my gratitude to my assistants, especially Crossick, and to Mr. T. L. Sanderson, to whom all users of the School Library are very much indebted.

The following books have been received:

<i>Presented by Mr. R. W. Hewson—</i>							
Mountain Photography	...	...	...	...	...	...	C. D. Milney
<i>Presented by A. J. Newton—</i>							
Opera	...	...	...	...	...	...	Q. Horaltii Flacci
<i>Presented by H. J. Cohn</i>							
Stories and Episodes	...	...	...	...	...	...	T. Mann
<i>Presented by the Author</i>							
Law and Grace	...	...	...	...	...	...	W. F. Barling
<i>Presented by Mr. Fabian</i>							
Heroic Poetry	...	...	...	...	...	...	C. M. Bourne
<i>Presented by D. A. Jones</i>							
Time Must Have a Stop	...	...	...	...	...	...	A. Huxley

We are also grateful to Mrs. Oppenheimer for presenting 26 French and German books and to Mr. R. Berwick for presenting a collection of 7 books. Books purchased include:

<i>How to Play Rugger</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	B. H. Travers
<i>How to Play Cricket</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	Learie Constantine
<i>How to Box</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	D. S. Lister
<i>The Judge's Story</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	C. Morgan
<i>The Silence of Colonel Bramble</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	A. Maurois
<i>The Common Reader</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	V. Woolf
<i>The Golden Warrior</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	H. Munz
<i>Diccionario Ideológico de la Lingua Española</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	Julio Casaref
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<i>Gamesmanship</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	Stephen Potter
<i>One-Upmanship</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	Stephen Potter
<i>The Poetry of Finance</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	A. M. Boase
<i>To the Bullfight</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	J. Marks
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<i>Drama from Ibsen to Eliot</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	R. Williams
<i>Shakespeare's Doctrine of Nature</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	J. F. Darby
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<i>Matthew Arnold</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	Lionel Trilling
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<i>The Classical Movement</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	M. Turnell
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<i>Abinger Harvest</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	E. M. Forster
<i>Two Cheers for Democracy</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	E. M. Forster
<i>Essays on Literature and Society</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	Edwin Muir
<i>E. M. Forster</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	Lionel Trilling
<i>Manual of Rugby Union Football...</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	H. F. Ellis
<i>On Producing Shakespeare</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	R. Wedkins
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J. M. NEWTON, *Librarian.*

Careers

During the Spring Term Mr. Hugh Lyon, of the Public Schools Appointments Bureau, spoke to the members of the Fifth and Sixth Forms on Careers. Among points he stressed were the great value of the Sixth Form course even for those boys who do not intend to go on to the University, and the appeal to adventure and enterprise provided by careers in industry and commerce.

Two boys attended the one-day course at Harrods during the Easter holiday, and have written an account to be found elsewhere in the magazine. In the summer two boys will be taking part in special holiday courses offered by engineering and other firms, with the aim of letting boys learn something of the attractions of an engineering career.

During the Summer Term three films of Careers interest have been shown, and an interesting talk was given by Mr. R. C. Thomas on the work of Cable and Wireless Ltd.

Careers sessions continue at 1.15 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays in Room 8; any boy with a careers problem is welcome to come and discuss it with me then.

J. McN.

HARRODS' GUEST COURSE

This course was run by Harrods in conjunction with the Public Schools Appointments Bureau, for the purpose of giving boys an insight into the commercial world.

There were 24 representatives of 12 different schools, at the meeting which took place at the beginning of April.

Upon our arrival at the Staff Training Office, we discussed our programme for the day.

We started with a brief tour of the selling departments and administration offices. This included a visit to the clocking-in office, a complex system of dials, which has been greatly improved over the last 100 years, before which employees had to climb a ladder to reach the first-floor office, where Mr. Harrod was ready to remove the ladder on the dot at 8 o'clock. We also visited the textile laboratory, where we were told how stains of all kinds can be removed from garments, and how to tell whether clothes on approval had been much worn.

Our guide then took us to have coffee and biscuits in the store cafe.

This was followed by a very interesting talk on the history of Harrods. The store as we know it today was started by a Mr. Harrod in 1864, and sold tea, soap, and candles. His son, who was far more enterprising, was fortunate in being able to increase the size of the store owing to the spread of London, for formerly Kensington was a rural area.

By 1911, the store had reached such proportions that it was split by a road through the middle, which, after a long legal battle, was closed. Harrods introduced the first escalator in a London store. This had an attendant at the top with a bottle of brandy for the use of the old ladies.

This interesting morning was followed by luncheon in the staff restaurant. Here we were introduced to our guide for the afternoon, Miss B. Barratt, who had lunch with us. Afterwards we went for a walk on the roof, from which could be seen many important landmarks of London.

Our afternoon programme started with a tour of the telephone orders department, a 24 hours service, which had the current prices of all foodstuffs chalked up around the walls for quick reference.

We were told many interesting stories about telephone orders, including the case of the lady who asked for a water-'otter. Harrods, having despatched at great difficulty the aforesaid amphibian, were very disconcerted to hear that the lady required an immersion heater.

We next went to the cash-tube room, where an interesting system of bill-endorsement is in use. From here we visited the postal-despatch department, from which goods are speedily despatched to places as far apart as Harrow and Hong-Kong.

The final visit of the day was to the accounts and records department. Here we were told of the accurate double-check system used on all of the 120,000 account customers, and were shown files containing bills for all goods bought over the past four years.

We ended a very interesting day with a brief lecture on the store and retailing as seen from a commercial point-of-view, and a summing up and question time with the staff manager.

We feel sure that this course would be very interesting to anyone considering commerce as a career, and would undoubtedly bring any uncertain person to a decision as to whether to make it his life.

J. N. GOAD, *VI B. Sc.*

Central Iceland, 1952

The party which included 65 boys from Schools and Colleges all over Britain, together with 10 Leaders, boarded the M.V. *Gullfoss* at Leith on Monday afternoon, July 28th, 1952. The crossing was uneventful apart from one individual who was "... sure things would get worse before they got better," a statement which damped one's initial enthusiasm for the rich Danish food. We journeyed from the town of Reykjavik to base-camp in springless troop-transporters which were a relic of the War, as appears to be everything recent in Iceland. I was sorely tempted to walk after the first twenty miles, but as we had a five and a half-hour journey ahead of us, I just remained sore. However, soon we left the roads, and things became slightly better.

On arrival at base camp (which had been pitched by an advance party) I was able to sit on a rock, and observe the surroundings which we were to admire or tolerate for the next six weeks. The camp was situated in the shelter of a three-thousand foot mountain, called Lodmundur, which formed one side of a valley containing a lake having the same name as the mountain and the valley. The legend attached to this valley is similar to that of the Devil's Punch Bowl in Surrey, except that this giant hurled rocks at another giant in Norway. (Luckily they didn't start a battle during our stay.) The valley was quite fertile, and we arrived at the height of the Icelandic summer, thus giving the naturalists a chance to become acquainted with this Arctic-alpine flora whilst it was still in blossom, as our work was to continue into the Northern winter when it becomes difficult to identify flowering plants which no longer flower. The vegetation in Iceland is sparse and not very green, the most noticeable feature being the complete absence of any tall shrubs or trees. In fact, apart from the few cultivated trees seen near farms and townships, the tallest tree met with was a dwarf willow some two feet high, and this was abnormally large owing to its growing in a fertile water-meadow bordering some hot-springs! Due to this complete lack of natural fuel for cooking-fires all hikes of more than one day's march entailed having to carry Primus-type pressure stoves and paraffin. As the food was dried and concentrated, it could not be eaten without a considerable amount of cooking (and following that an iron constitution!). So, for the purpose of marches of more than five days' duration, "food-dumps" and "caches" had to be constructed at various points along the proposed route. The food was bearable, but although providing one with sufficient calories, the bulk was a cause for major concern (but in fairness I must point out that one becomes adapted to smaller meals as the weeks move on). The last straw was the issuing of a vitamin C tablet each day "to take the place of fresh fruit and vegetables in the diet"—as if it ever

could. One could not fill up on bread as many lazy campers are wont to do, for the "bread" ration consisted of four ship's biscuits (each weighing one ounce) per meal, there being three meals a day. These biscuits were the cause of one member of the expedition breaking two teeth, and another vowing he would feed his dog on water biscuits as soon as he reached home again.

The more enterprising individuals were able to supplement their rations with natural resources available, it being not uncommon for those concerned with Freshwater Biology to enjoy Brown Trout for their evening meal, and for those who observed birds to become interested in the bone-structure of Ptarmigan after removal of the flesh by a process of boiling in water. Unfortunately, I was concerned only with the Botany of the region.

The clothing worn was special issue, comprising wind and waterproof over-trousers, and anoraks with hood, under which was worn normal woollen clothing in varying amounts depending on temperament and temperature. Two pairs of thick woollen socks, and nailed boots, together with windproof gloves completed the outfit. The boots, although tough army type, were no match for the terrain of this region. A particularly rough type of country known as Hraun seems everywhere in these regions, which in past times were the seat of violent volcanic activity. The ground is composed of black sand and ash, very loose, so allowing your feet to sink in up to the ankles, which makes marching with a heavy pack hard work. To make matters worse there is no water in these areas, and of course no vegetation or shade of any type from the sun, which inevitably seemed to burn down from a clear blue sky whenever it was my misfortune to trek across the hraun. Our arrival on two occasions was watched by the largest inhabitant of these wastes, a solitary black raven which hovered overhead, waiting for us either to drop some food or to drop as food; owing to our own state of semi-starvation we were unable to oblige on either score.

It would be a mistake for me to create the impression that we always enjoyed blazing sun-shine. That generally appeared, it seemed to me, when I was undertaking a particularly arduous trek across desert or hilly country. We did in addition experience some very fierce and varying gale force winds, which found little difficulty in snapping our tent-poles and uprooting the walls (which were always heavily weighed down with rocks and soil whenever a tent was pitched). One day, on arriving back at base camp during mid-afternoon, I witnessed a particularly heavy wind tearing up tents, carrying away clothing, wooden stores-boxes, cooking utensils, tin plates, shoes, small used tins, and paper wrappers which had been deposited in an open rubbish pit. The debris was whisked out of sight, and as the sound of tins and boxes being bowled along became less, items of equipment scattered around camp were

retrieved and tents repitched. Unfortunately, that night we experienced a particularly heavy wind from the other direction, and in the small hours frightened figures could be seen scurrying among the tents, dodging large boxes, flying saucers, and an array of small missiles which were rapidly disappearing from camp, having just returned from their journey made that afternoon. In the morning the site looked as though a coronation had been celebrated there. The moral of that incident was painfully obvious.

Although newspapers and mail were missed at camp, the wireless was used to compile a daily news sheet and most of the major national and international events occurring at home and overseas were brought to our notice. In particular, I remember the news of Britain's solitary Gold Medal in the Olympic Games and how we toasted the health of a horse in milkless—sugarless—tea.

However, our spartan existence for the previous six weeks ensured that we entered the M.V. *Gullfoss* determined to do honour to the delicious Danish food, which, judging by the expressions of surprise and helplessness on the faces of the waiters in the dining room, I trust we achieved. Our mutual friend of the outward journey had been quite right, things have to get worse before they get better.

M. FREEMAN

Winter Sports

A party of twelve visited Saas Fée for a ski-ing holiday early in the New Year. It was the third time that a party from School had visited this small Swiss village situated 6,000 feet up in the Alps and surrounded by some of Switzerland's highest mountains.

The party was again accommodated at the Hotel Dom where our host, Mr. Supersaxo, looked after us in his usual cheerful and generous way.

Most members of the party were new to the art of ski-ing; but after a few days of instruction they were all able to move more or less gracefully on the gentler slopes. Later in the week trips were made up the ski lift, followed by rapid descents to the base. An expedition on skis was made to the Fée glacier and the ice cave under the glacier was explored. At the end of the holiday most members of the party entered for and passed the test for the Swiss Bronze Badge for ski-ing, while J. J. Hanson passed the test for the Silver Badge.

The fine weather had enabled us to ski every day; and the sunshine, so welcome after the December fog and drizzle in London, together with the vigorous exercise in the mountain air, sent us home tanned and fit.

International Youth Camp—Davos, 1953

It was with some trepidation that I allowed my father to enter my name for an offer of a week's stay as one of a group of guests of the Rotary Club of Davos. Firstly I was unable to play a musical instrument (other than the mouth-organ) and I seemed to remember little of what I had learned of the art of skiing. But when I heard that I had been selected, I was very grateful to the Pinner Rotary Club for making me their nominee.

My companions from London were John Grose, nominee of the Edgware Club and Harvey Rose, nominee of the West Norwood Club, and with three Scots students, ten Germans, six Italians and six Swiss we were welcomed to Davos at a meeting of the Rotary Club which was held in our honour the evening after we arrived. After the meal each one of us was introduced to the Club, and then we were all welcomed in German, Italian and English by members of the Club. After this, the groups from each country were asked to entertain the Club in some way, and I am pleased to say the British contingent well and truly broke the ice with the "Hokey Cokey," much to the delight of all present. This was followed by a piano solo from a Swiss girl and a folksong from the Germans.

We were all accommodated in the Swiss Alpine College under the care of Dr. Schaffer, Rotarian and Headmaster of the College, who arranged each day's programme. It usually consisted of skiing in the morning, a free afternoon and a discussion, film show or visit to Rotarians' homes during the evening.

During my stay in Davos I made many firm friends among the other students, and I look forward very much to visiting some of them and their families in their respective countries. Possibly in future years our friendships will make for better understanding between the countries of Europe.

J. A. ROBBINS.

Easter Seminar at Haus Schwalbach, Germany

This year the second Easter Seminar was held at Schwalbach under the auspices of C.E.W.C. (the Council for Education in World Citizenship). Haus Schwalbach is set in the beautiful pine forests of the Taunus. The Haus itself is a good three kilometres from the town of Bad Schwalbach, the nearest city of any importance being Wiesbaden.

On arrival we were given a very warm welcome by Dr. Wirth who was the Director of Haus Schwalbach. Ours was one of the fifty or so Seminars which are held at Haus Schwalbach during the course of the year. Four nations were represented, Great Britain, France, Switzerland and, of course, Germany; each nation had six representatives, mostly three of each sex, except in the case of Great Britain which sent two boys and four girls.

The Conference was also supported by teachers from each of these four nations, and we ourselves were fortunate in having Mr. King, a representative of Unesco and Headmaster of Wandsworth Grammar School.

Reveille came upon us by the individual rendering (or otherwise) of a National song. There then followed (if one felt so inclined) a morning run, which seemed to me to comprise more a mixture of walking and physical jerks. Anyway it was good fun.

After breakfast there usually followed communal singing before the discussions commenced.

In the afternoon we divided into Groups according to our various interests and it was left to us to make our own contacts. Each nation had two members on the Organisation Committee which met after tea each day to decide on the next day's programme.

After tea our time was our own and we spent it at table tennis, folk dancing, watching films and puppet shows (Puppenspiele), the latter being one of the most popular features of German Student life.

Of outstanding significance were the Easter celebrations. In Germany one of the Easter customs is to colour a boiled egg, adding the name of the intended recipient. The eggs are then hidden in the grass and there follows a ceremonial procession to the hide-out.

The country surrounding the Haus is very beautiful and ideal for walking, so much so that a whole afternoon was devoted to a walk with a visit to an Old Castle.

The meals at the Hostel were planned to ensure a healthy diet with many salads, soups, rye bread, pumpernickel and butter very much in evidence. The butter was very pale in colour, due to the fact, I was told, that the cows are fed on hay, and there is an abundance of it. The price compares very favourably with that ruling in our own country. The potatoes were deliciously served in mayonnaise, butter and parsley. The coffee was of very many varieties, including the notorious Malzkaffee (malt coffee).

The main beverage with the midday meal is either beer or wine, dependent upon the district. In the Rhineland the Germans are justly proud of their wine which is made from the grapes of the vines cultivated on the terraces of the great River.

At the end of the Seminar we were invited to visit Europa Haus for a conference with teachers who had been discussing the same themes as we ourselves. The accommodation here was rather limited and the majority of us either spent the night in a Youth Hostel or on mattresses on the floor. Arrangements had also been made during the course of the Seminar for us to stay for three days in Wiesbaden. We were to sleep at the Youth Hostel there (a very modern building) and the rest of the time would be spent with a German family. On arriving at the Hostel we found it was indeed so new that it was still under construction and there was scaffolding

everywhere. I was fortunate in being able to enjoy the hospitality of the Mueller family which consisted of father and mother, son and daughter. The son Gunter is a student at a College of Accountancy and is expecting to visit this country in June. I hope to be able to bring him to spend a day at our School during his stay.

Our first evening at Wiesbaden was spent at a Dance which ended at 3 a.m. By arrangement with the Warden of the Hostel we were admitted at this early hour. The hostel charges are very modest indeed.

German dancing differs from that of this country. There is no slow waltz or quick step. The main features include the tango, rumbas, sambas, foxtrots and, in particular, the latest type of boogie woogie.

We had a good look round Wiesbaden and also spent an afternoon at Mainz on the other side of the River Rhine from Wiesbaden. Mainz received a lot of attention from the R.A.F. during the War and is consequently still in bad shape. The situation is so bad that in order to rebuild the Cathedral entry fees are charged. It was very refreshing to see that most artisans in Germany were quick at their work and seemed very anxious to get on with the colossal job of reconstruction.

In conclusion I should like to thank the C.E.W.C. for a very delightful experience and Mr. Campbell for putting the opportunity in the way of the School. I can thoroughly recommend a visit to Germany on these lines to anyone who is interested this coming Summer.

J. M. BANCROFT.

School Visit to Paris—Easter 1953

Paris in the Spring! How relieved we were when we found that Mr. Goldwyn was wrong. Paris was not full of adolescent Americans breaking into a rapturous transatlantic choral idiom whenever they saw "a sweet little American babe" in the Bois de Boulogne. It was true that a whirring of camera shutters around the statues and in the buildings testified to the presence of dyspeptic looking Parisians with rather haggard wives speaking in a subdued Middle West drawl. It was true that there were many G.I.'s. But in spite of all Hollywood's claims Paris remains unmistakably French.

We were staying in the St. Mandé suburb to the East of Paris, about twenty minutes by Métro from the centre of the city. We were not, as the owner of the local "alimentation générale" (a sort of general stores) reminded me, really in Paris and the people of the neighbourhood did not, he said, think of themselves as Parisians. Thus it was brought home to me how much more compact Paris is than London. Our lodging was in the Institut Montaigne, near the Bois de Vincennes, once the home of Fouquet,

Louis XIV's steward, but by now a very dilapidated private secondary school. We shared our somewhat primitive accommodation with about 300 other students of both sexes and of several nationalities and colours. Besides Europeans from Belgium, Germany, and Norway there were coloured students from various parts of the French Union as far apart as North Africa and what used to be called Indo-China. This Babel assembly produced many amusing incidents such as when a sleepy eyed German (who looked a caricature of the much parodied German professor) solemnly opened the door of our dormitory at about midnight and said in what he thought was impeccable English "Please to be quiet. There is other people in the house!" Apart from the fact that (at that time) we were not making any noise there was not so far as we knew a "German" dormitory within yards of ours. We presume that with Prussian thoroughness he was visiting every dormitory.

Our feeding arrangements are worthy of mention. There was only one, very small dining room. It was about the size of a Westbere Road form room. Although elaborate arrangements were made about a meal time rota it never seemed to function and noise, confusion and crush were the order of the day at most times. It would have been interesting to have seen Mr. O——r's methods of dealing with the impossible situation. Our food was plain but well cooked and very welcome after some of our walking around Paris. Two words were enough to make the maids understand our requirements, "Assez" and "Encore."

Although we had crossed Paris by bus on our way from the Gare St. Lazare our first real outing was on the Sunday after the Saturday of our arrival, the 4th of April. In the morning the party split into two, one half making a bee-line for the Flea Market and the other half attending morning service at the Protestant L'église Sainte Marie in the Rue Sainte Antoine. We were well able to sing the hymns whose tunes were familiar (in one case too familiar!) and, because the preacher spoke with the measured tones and clarity of diction proper to a church, we could follow most of the sermon. In the afternoon we all went by Métro to the Arc de Triomphe. From the top we had a magnificent view of the twelve broad avenues that lead to it, making it the focal point of Parisian ceremony. The recently opened museum inside the arch shows by means of prints and photographs the important part that the arch has played in the history of France. From here we walked along the Champs Elysées past the cafés, past the fountains, along under the trees to the Place de la Concorde, flanked by the Madeleine and the Chambre des Députés, the former far more imposing than the latter, a fact which may or may not be significant.

The following morning we went by 'coach' (this is an unwarranted euphemism) on a circular tour of some of the northern

parts of Paris. We were jolted through the Place de la Nation, the Place de la Bastille, the Place des Vosges (an interesting, quiet square which is arcaded and was once the home of Victor Hugo), the Place de la République and on past the Opéra, the Madeleine, les Invalides and to the Palais de Chaillot where we made our first stop. This white Palace, built just before the war for the Colonial exhibition, has been used since the war for meetings of the United Nations. Our second stop was at the Sacré-Coeur Church, another white stone building, which rises on Montmartre like a shining guardian over the whole of Paris.

In the afternoon we spent two hours or so at the Louvre. The surprising fact is that we were able to see as much as we did in this limited time. Besides dutifully visiting the Venus de Milo, Winged Victory and the Mona Lisa, most of us covered the galleries of the magnificent large canvasses by David (showing scenes from French and Ancient history), also of the exciting Delacroix, and the gallery where there are two Holbeins and Van Dyke's famous portrait of Charles I, by way of an English apology for not producing any great masters in oils. With the Greek and Roman sculpture, the mosaics, tapestries and some exquisite early Greek murals merely glanced at, we could (given wheel chairs) have spent the whole week in this fine museum.

On the Tuesday we went for a trip on the Seine by Bateau Mouche. The highlight of this journey was a memorable view of Notre Dame with the sun playing on its stone in spite of a gloom all around it. Our French guides (we had them for the whole week) had an apparently inexhaustible supply of historical information about each of the twenty-nine (or is it thirty?) bridges of the Seine.

The afternoon was passed watching a largely drowsy selection of animals in the Vincennes Zoo. From the top of an artificial rock within the grounds we had a good view over the whole zoo and much of the neighbourhood. Questioned afterwards L——d denied that certain screams in the dark tunnel leading to the top of the rock were caused by him. He put the noises down to the vociferous baboon. Baboons!!!

Wednesday saw us promenading around Versailles clutching our sandwich lunches. After marvelling at the Hall of Mirrors, the broad terraces and well kept gardens and being awed by the great southern facade, and the miniature splendour of the Trianon, we were relieved to be shown Queen Victoria's bedroom at the Petite Trianon. Although she never slept there (much to the annoyance of the French) it is a part of all this splendour to which Englishmen have an especial claim. Here at last was something with which we could identify ourselves. The mud around Marie Antoinette's grave we also found strangely contrasting after the dusty dry streets of Paris.

Thursday found us near the end of our week. By now we were hardened Parisians. We had mastered the intricacies of Métro travel and were experts at nonchalantly taking our places at café tables. We learnt to look as if we had been living in Paris all our lives at least so we thought. The day found us exploring the Quartier Latin, the Eglise Saint Etienne, which contains Richlieu's tomb, the Panthéon which contains practically everybody else's, admiring the startling stained glass windows of the Sainte Chapelle, locking half the party up in a cell in the Conciergerie and clambering to the top of Notre Dame.

Then in the evening we went to the Châtelet Theatre, where those who wondered what the word "strapontin" on their ticket meant found out. The show, named "Le Chanteur de Mexico," was a musical extravaganza dominated by an almost counter tenor called Hudy Hirigoyen. The catchy songs and brilliant settings were helped along by interpolated farces which was frustrating to only half understand. In one scene a huge paper dragon appeared on the stage spouting fire crackers. Those who had been slightly over imbibing were seen to rub their eyes.

The last day was spent in saying goodbye. We bid farewell to Paris from the top of Eiffel Tower which was shrouded in a mist that prevented us from seeing very far. We paid our due respects to "la gloire" by visiting Napoleon's tomb. We discharged our duties towards solving France's economic difficulties buying souvenirs. Indeed one of the memories of Paris I shall always cherish is one of Mr. B——g solemnly walking down the Boulevard Haussman with an armful of lollipops.

I cannot end this account without praising three institutions which made our week infinitely more enjoyable. The one was "La Pelouse," just an ordinary Parisian café near our Institut in which we felt perfectly at home at any time of the day, where there was no one to menacingly demand "will you have your bill now?" The second was the Tynemouth High School who were staying at the Institut also. The friendly rivalry between us, manifest in such ways as challenging them to a football match (which we won) and trying to make Mr. Robinson smile (which we did). The third institution was Mr. Browning. I say that not merely because he was in charge of our pocket money but because at all times he was very pleasantly in charge of us.

Having assimilated the first necessary background, historical, cultural and social, of getting to know Paris those who went are (in most cases) eager to return and enrich still further their experience of "la Ville Lumière."

M.A.P.

Impressions of Spain

I must first point out that my impressions have been gathered in Barcelona, which is the city least typical of Spain. Perhaps a more correct title might be "Impressions of Catalonia" or "of Barcelona."

My not very welcoming introduction to Spain occurred at Port Bou, the frontier station where one must change trains because of the change of gauge. Here there was a scene of the most frantic confusion, and the customs examination resolved itself into a free-for-all between the train's passengers and the hordes of Spanish officials. This chaos lasted over an hour, and left one a good deal more exhausted than all the twenty-four hours' travelling from London put together. However, this was a false idea of the Spaniard's character, for generally he is far too lazy to indulge in such vigorous anti-social activity.

After a day and a half's travelling I reached Barcelona, which proved to be a large, modern, well-planned city of two million inhabitants, which, after Paris, I should class as the most beautiful city I have ever seen. The country immediately around consisted of thickly-wooded hills, but, further inland, there were vast, arid plains which alternated with yet more arid hills. If ever there was a country in need of irrigation, Spain must be it—never have I seen so many dry river-beds. The coast was very beautiful, however, and very reminiscent of North Devon or Cornwall.

The people are gay and charming, and far more friendly than, say, the French. Though they do not wear wide-brimmed sombreros or long, frilly dresses, they have many picturesque customs very much their own. For instance, any day and for no reason at all other than sheer, natural ebullience, they will dance the complicated "sardanas" in the street. A small band of itinerant musicians will instal themselves on any convenient site and begin to play, whereupon any passer-by will join in the circles of dancing people. Housewives set down their baskets, business men their valises, school children their satchels, join hands and dance about this pile of "left luggage."

On St. George's day there was a great "fiesta". He is patron saint of Catalonia, and the people danced "sardanas" in many places, while the quaint, old Gothic quarter of the city was crammed with throngs of people all carrying the traditional flowers which were on sale at every street-corner and in every shop door-way, and made the air heavy with the delightful perfumes of roses, jasmine, mimosa and so forth.

Then there was May the Second, a "fiesta nacional," commemorating the rising of the people of Madrid against the French invaders in 1808. This was celebrated by a great march-past and display of armed strength down the Avenue Generalissimo

Franco, followed by a number of partisan speeches. A very different celebration from the first was the "Day of the Book," when books were sold everywhere at vastly reduced prices, attracting hosts of bargain hunters.

In the way of entertainments, Barcelona was particularly well catered for. There were many theatres, an opera house of the first order, ballet, and innumerable cinemas. Inevitably there was bull-fighting which, though ethically irremissible, for sheer spectacle is quite unparalleled. But there were in addition facilities for watching and playing most sports, "frontones" for playing "Pelota," a highly-skillful, fast and entertaining game rather like fives on a magnified scale and called in America I believe "jai-alai," tennis-clubs in abundance, a polo ground, football stadia, "Bolidromos," a kind of chic club where the "sport" is skittles, and many other sports. A final mention must be made of the "granjas," "bars," "cabarets," "dancings," the equivalent of the English "pub" in function and varying from the highly fashionable to the extremely risqués. Strangely enough every public building is scented, and a cunning nose could identify any particular building by its perfume. Surely Spain must be the most "aromatic" country in Europe.

Like the English, the Spanish have a great sense of home. The houses of today are very large and comfortable by our standards, though by far the most live in apartments, and all have one or more servants. The furnishings are beautiful and indoors there is a general idea of solid comfort, even luxury.

About the food; this is very dissimilar to both French and English fare. It is far less fussy than the former's cuisine, and, despite all one may hear, it is really fairly oily, though on the other hand, garlic is relatively rare. One must be prepared to have a variety of unusual and exotic dishes set before one; I, for one, however, disliked none and ate with relish squid, goose-barnacles, angler-fish, aubergines, tiny ink-fish, like octopi eaten whole, "zarzuela" (a dish of rice, lobster, mussels, squid and a conglomeration of all available shell-fish), roast artichokes, "horchata" (a drink of almonds, chufa, sugar and milk) and so on.

The streets are brilliantly lit, and communications surprisingly fine: trams, trolleybuses, omnibuses, even an Underground, a most efficient telephone system giving instantaneous and very clear connection with any part of the country, and a veritable flood of taxis. All, especially the last, exceedingly cheap, as was all the country, e.g. 1d. for as far as you like on the Underground. Incomes are comparatively low and the cost of living somewhat higher than here, but for the tourist with his extremely favourable rate of exchange the country proves a paradise. The best hotels are little more than eight or nine guineas a week, the finest meals barely a pound, while there is not the slightest difficulty in living at less than half these prices if one goes to the

right places, the finest sherries about six shillings a bottle, and cigarettes a shilling for twenty (but only Spanish or Cuban tobaccos). To obtain English or American tobaccos one has to pay exorbitant black-market prices: two shillings for twenty, five and six for fifty! The only expensive items are photographic equipment and cars, both of which have to be imported from abroad, there being no Spanish manufacturers.

However, it is not all as comfortable as I have portrayed. Barcelona is the most prosperous city in Spain, and in the South there is considerably more poverty and destitution, and even in the Catalan countryside about Barcelona it is not the least bit unusual to see whole families living in mud and wattle huts and caves, and gypsies whose only clothes are those in which they stand.

Nevertheless, altogether I found Spain a fascinating place, totally different from any other country which I have ever visited. I found the people most amiable and hospitable; I think I passed there the best holiday of my life, and would recommend it to anyone without hesitation as being more than worth their trouble to visit.

P. J. B.

Memories of the Coronation

As a preliminary to June the Second I carefully toured the route of the Coronation procession to and from Buckingham Palace, selecting suitable vantage points from which I should like to view the procession. To do this I had many assets, binoculars, collapsible periscope, camera and, of course, my eyes.

Firstly I thought of standing in the Mall, but afterwards decided that being so near to the Palace and with the procession passing twice, it would be rather too popular for those staying all night (which was not my intention). I then thought of going to Trafalgar Square, by which the Queen passed three times, but, deciding that the Square was somewhat small for a large number of people, I moved off to positions only on the return route.

However, after careful consideration of such places as Piccadilly Circus, Oxford Circus, and various parts of Oxford and Regent Streets, I looked down Marble Arch into Hyde Park. This seemed to be the right place. East Carriage Drive is fairly long and comparatively straight with a broad pathway and, of course, a quick entrance and exit through the hinterland of the park. For reference I marked the selected position with a chalk cross on the pavement and a pencil mark on the map. As a double check I started to count the trees at the side of the path but, after three recounts (all differing) I gave it up as a "bad job" and thereafter relied on my memory. Everything was now ready for the great day.

Six months later (to be precise on June the second) I got up early, very early—it was still dark. Pulling back the bedroom

curtain I discovered that the sun (or at least a foggy glow in the clouds) was well in the sky. Rushing downstairs to the pile of luggage for the day, I checked up on every detail. Firstly I carefully went over my clothing. Pride of place went to the patent "draught excluder" tunic only used on mountaineering expeditions. To keep out the cold I also put on specially adapted carpet slippers. Suitably garbed I sat down to a light meal on which to face the ordeal of the day. Also to satisfy my hunger I packed sandwiches suitable for the occasion into a container constructed to withstand a two-hundredweight pressure against a possibly over exuberant crowd. Into this package were also packed several vacuum flasks varying in their intensity from hot to cold all in preparation to combat the will of the fickle weather of our Island.

Into a smaller tin I put boxes of various sweets from peppermint to sherbet varieties and a goodly supply of aspirin to meet all sorts of emergencies. With them went a small tin of bandages and adhesive tape "for cuts, bruises and abrasions."

Time was now getting short. Had I got everything? Had I put the cat out? Was the dog's dinner by the door? What had happened to the canary seed? But at last all the members of the family were satisfied and I felt it was time to start.

I took one last look round—just to be certain everything was ready. Picking up my parcels I marched into the living room placed my packages by the table, turned on the television and sank back into the armchair, there to spend Coronation day. And that, for me, will be my memory of *that* day.

L. G. BEDDISON, 5 *mod.*

My memories of the Coronation are clouded by the fatigue I felt during my long wait, leaning against the rails of an exit from Trafalgar Square tube station.

On Monday morning I hadn't the faintest idea that I would be going to see the Coronation the following day, and so I played tennis and chased hither and thither using up all my energy. At seven o'clock that night I suddenly decided to go and see the Coronation, and so I phoned up my friend and arranged to meet him at Oxford Circus Underground Station at eleven o'clock. I arrived at the station exactly on time only to find my friend had yet to arrive. I paced up and down the platform and slowly the clock crept up to ten past eleven, then to twenty past and then half-past. I now became very worried. Had he had a nap before coming out for the night and overslept? Had he gone to the wrong station or platform? All these thoughts passed through my mind as I raced up the escalator to the phone booth. I carefully dropped three pennies into the box and dialled the number.

"Hullo, is that Gladstone 1245?" I said.

I heard some mumbling coming through, which I took to be yes, and so I pushed button A.

"Hullo, is Malcolm there please?"

"He's in bed," came the reply, "what do you want him for?"

"I was supposed to meet him here half-an-hour ago."

"Oh! He thought you meant eleven o'clock in the morning. I thought it was a bit funny."

"Thanks very much," my voice trailed away. I didn't think it the least bit funny.

I caught the next train to Trafalgar Square and emerged into the cool night air. Before me I could see hundreds of people stretched out on the pavement trying to get some sleep, while others whirled, rattled, danced and sang. I staggered over the bodies until I found a suitable place to stay for the night, which also had a wonderful view of the route, or so I thought until the morning dawned and the people had swarmed onto the route to line it.

I attempted to make myself comfortable on the ground but it was a forlorn hope. To crown all my miseries the rains came or, as I should say, it began to drizzle. I made a tent from my cycling cape and doubled my legs up so that they would remain dry. After staying in this position for about an hour my joints became stiff so I went for a walk to stretch myself. This walk led me to the A.B.C. where I had two cups of tea and sat down there for about three-quarters of an hour. When I emerged from this basement type of cafe the crowds were pouring into the Square at a terrific pace.

I ran back to my place, fearing that it might have been taken, but all was well. I settled down once more for my six hour vigil. At about five thirty the troops marched in to line the route and at six the radio programme was relayed to us. By seven o'clock a few scattered coaches were passing through but no one knew or really cared whose they were. About this time they closed the barriers to stop any more people coming into the Square but they had little success. Once the barriers were forced, the crowd surged through and for the rest of the time they climbed over the barriers.

The small processions were coming through quite quickly now and a sea of cardboard telescopes had arisen in front of me. All these processions, however, were of little interest and I was too tired to care much now as by that time I had been twenty-seven hours without sleep.

At about ten fifteen the main procession appeared under Admiralty Arch and a gargantuan cheer went up from the crowd. I had a glorious view of the procession as it came under Admiralty Arch but when it got closer I could only see the heads of foot soldiers and the bodies of the cavalymen. When the Queen's coach came by I actually saw her white gloved hand!

My most precious memory of the Coronation is the fact that I can tell everyone I've seen it. Not on television, not at the cinema but with my own eyes.

J. EDELMAN, 5 mod.

Waterloo

by BRYAN R. LINCOLN

The Emperor saw his Cavalry turned
Back from the English line.
The flower of France's horsemen spurned,
The Emperor's heart within him burned,
Shocked at the failure's sign.

"Back! Charge anew!" he cried to his men,
The cavalry formed up once more.
Forward, the Curaisers charged again
Straightway towards the Lion's den,
Amid the battle's roar.

"For France and Empire!" Napoleon cried,
The horses thundered in attack.
The solid Square kept straight the side
'Gainst which the Waves of Frenchmen tried
In vain to force those bayonets back.

The Emperor paled. The British would mock
As the battle yet brought fresh alarms.
He called to his "Guard" to take the next shock,
The Veterans whose hearts were firm as a rock.
And quickly they took up their arms.

The Imperial Guard, unbeaten in fight,
Who never disaster had known
Stood tense, in their lines to Napoleon's right,
In scarlet and gold, a terrible sight,
The personal Guard of the throne.

The order was given, the armies Elite,
Into formation they drew,
Their standards rose high as the drums slowly beat
A tattoo recalling the shuffling feet
To their ranks, as the trumpets blew.

Forward, the best troops in Europe sped,
With pleasure their General smiled,
His finest and gallantest officers led.
The British would soon know the feeling of dread,
—But the Battle was bloody and wild.

The Guard had closed in with the infantry there,
The Frenchmen had pounced for the kill,
But the British Bayonets soon brought to bear
Struck! yet the Frenchmen knew no fear
As the struggle raged on at the hill.

The English defences are breaking away
Their comrades around them, lie dead,
But suddenly charging the two lines sway,
The Guardsmen draw back and stand at bay
Before the line of Red.

The Frenchmen see those running feet.
The Guard flees in disorder.
The army turns in sad defeat
And leaves the field in full retreat,
To struggle to the Border.

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The Critic in the Chair

by B. H. S. COE, *Va*

He's a clever sort of fellow,
And you'll find him everywhere,
He is known to all and sundry,
As the Critic in the Chair.

He holds very strong opinions,
On the Way things should be done,
How Social Progress can be gained,
How Victory can be won.

He can answer any question,
In a glib and artful way,
And his arguments seem foolproof,
While he's having all the say.

He will counter any query,
With a flippant wave of hand,
Then proceed to give his viewpoint,
In a manner loud and grand.

He seems to know just how to put,
His views in such a way,
That leaves no room for argument,
When he has had his say.

But if someone by chance should state,
A fact that he forgot,
He's quick to take it up, and make,
From little—quite a lot.

He'll take endless time and trouble,
Just to prove beyond all doubt,
That he's such a clever fellow,
Who knows ALL what ALL's about.

There's no doubt that he's a nuisance,
But give credit where it's due,
He can do it so much better,
Than either me or you.

And I fancy if we're honest,
There's a feeling we ALL share,
That we should like for once, to be,
The Critic in the Chair.

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The King of Assyria

A short account, with some extracts of a play written in verse
by ROBERT L. SEKULIN (*Aged 11½ years*)

This play deals mainly with the last days of the Assyrian king, Ashurbanipal, and the revolt against him by the Medes, Babylonians and Scythians. The first few scenes give examples of the immense cruelty of King Ashurbanipal, after which the real story begins. Messengers from Media, Babylon and Scythia meet in the desert to arrange a meeting at which their kings will discuss the downfall of Assyria. By chance, an Assyrian messenger comes that way. When he is told that he is to be killed and will never see Nineveh, Assyria's capital, again, he dies of heartbreak after saying the following words:

“Nineveh! Nineveh! Her wonders I will see,
In my dreams I'll imagine her as she used to be;
Each morning, at sun-rise, I'd up and away,
Viewing wondrous gardens at cool break of day,
Then I'd climb up the steps, at the palace I'd look,

Each day in the morning, all cares I forsook;
 And the inscriptions of kings gone and past,
 Of chariots and war, of feasting and fast,
 Of slaves in the building of honour to kings,
 Of the palace in the making, these and other things,
 The whole great erection, the palace to build,
 Gives an air of their majesty: To be done as they will'd,
 Of the grandeur, of the splendour, of these mighty hands,
 The Great Kings of Multitudes, who ruled all the lands;
 The great, giant pillars looked up to the sun:
 'It was hard in the making, but marv'lous when done;'
 And then I would enter, the entrance like a square,
 With splendid, patterned carpets, of rich, costly hair:
 Up the wide stairway, I'd enter the door,
 A garden, a balcony, a pearl-studded floor;
 I'd walk to the end, and up one more stair,
 A door at the front of me, and then I'd be there;
 The trumpets would fanfare, the door open and reveal
 The most gorgeous hall in Assyria. I'd even feel
 The voice of the builder, echoing in the ear:
 'Come in! See the beauty of beauties,' you hear;
 The walls do re-echo and echo again:
 Even a whisper would make their speech plain;
 The marvellous colours, the diamond floor,
 All those mighty wonders I'd see from the door;
 But I'd stand in the centre and look up high and high:
 Through emerald windows I'd see the clear sky;
 Then I'd turn to the left and bow low at his throne,
 And think of the wonders which are all his own,
 Then I'd stand and I'd greet him, but still I'd feel small,
 He possessed the whole world—I had nothing at all;
 Thus was my Nineveh—my town—and my joy—
 Rejoice all!—O, weep all!—The Medes will destroy."

The meeting of the Kings is opened by Cyasares, King of Media:
 "My Lords, my kings, my emperors, my friends of nations great.
 We have been assembled here to talk about a country's fate,
 Assyria is that country, lords, Assyria at its end;
 We shall attack with all our might, our countries to defend,
 We come to talk of that alone, we'll say no other things,
 For this great hour will aye be known: The Meeting of the Kings!
 Now hearken, for, I have a plan: We know Assyria's might,
 But I know it would differ if three nations it would fight,
 To Nineveh we'll place our feet with torches in our hand;
 And when it lies in ashes 'twill be the end of that bad land!
 And then our kingdom shall rejoice; Assyria we'll divide;
 But first we will destroy and then of feastings we'll decide!"

The meeting is an enormous success. Besides the torch-bearers from Media, Scythia contributes a thousand horsemen and Babylon an army of spearmen. The three armies combined are to march on Nineveh and burn it by night. Kazai, the wild king of Scythia, ends the meeting with these words:

“ Then on with our quest!
We'll leave all the rest!
Let's all do our best!
Let's on with the fight!
The play's at its height!
We'll forward the right!
Let's kill every foe!
Let not one man go!
Let our empires grow!
We'll kill every one!
Until all is done!
And left will be none!
Forward with cries!
Take them by surprise!
'Till every one dies!
Our weapons we'll bring!
Destroy them and their king!
And their every thing!
Their great town a sight!
As it burns in the night!
After the great fight!
Our spears will pierce in
To the heart, through the skin
And we'll win, we will win!
Our horsemen will ride
Their horses astride
With a great winner's pride!
Thus will our army bands
Win Assyria's lands
With our brave, gallant hands!
But now hurry to depart,
For Assyria would start
Our good plan to part;
Then all men shall know
How we won our great foe;
Farewell, now we go!”

The three armies attack Nineveh, destroy it, and at the same time destroy the Assyrian Empire.

(This play, entirely in verse, is a remarkable achievement for a boy of 11 years old. In congratulating the young author we regret that there is not space to publish the whole work—*Editor.*).

It's nice to get up in the morning

by J. RIDGE

The heavens were not yet fully illuminated by the glittering Chariot of Apollo, but in the East, a riotous mass of colour was the prevalent feature of the landscape. Reflected upon the bellies of the fleecy clouds was the full glory of the sun, which had sent its envoys, so that we, humanity, could choose for our own ecstasy whether to bathe in its golden-warmth, or just to revel in the disorder of colour, until the sun had completely pulled itself away from the tenuous grasp of the horizon.

Reds of all variations were the keynote of this heavenly orgy. The colours ranged from a delicate salmon-pink to the deepest ruby of vintage port, while in between was every possible shade that could be differentiated by the eye of man. Where the tops of the clouds met the blue sky, the reddish tinge dwindled to an iridescent green, only to be replaced by turquoise and finally by the inky expanse of the skies. Overhead the heavens were suffused with the ethereal glow of orange light, which seemed strangely unreal as if the sun was emitting a different light. As the small clouds scurried across the skies, the intricate pattern of colour was broken up and revealed anew, like the chips of a kaleidoscope. The pink colour of the clouds turned gradually to crimson as they fled from the centre of light, while new clouds appeared to take their place.

The sun had slowly arisen above the horizon; the splendour and richness of colour quickly changed, until that golden orb was the centrepiece, that every moment made itself more overpowering and attractive. The cold, reflected light was now supplanted by an exhilarating radiance which penetrated the flimsy curtains of my bedroom.

I glanced at the clock. Ten minutes to six! I crawled slothfully back to bed, and when I was completely covered, with the blankets up to my nose, I groaned inwardly, for I knew that by eleven o'clock all this splendour would give way to miserable, wet, rain—for did not a wise shepherd once say: "Sun before seven, rain before eleven?" and who would be foolish enough to question the judgment of a man born and bred in the country?

A Wreck

by M. LIPTON

"She is far from the land," said the first mate, putting down the collected works of Bulwer Lytton. "And often," he continued, "the bowsprit and rudder get mixed." Why had this crew set out to sea in the sieve of uncertain thinking? Was it to rescue some ideal from the bottom of the deep blue ocean, or to hunt a snook on a distant shore, or to see, reflected in the distant sky, Davy Jones' Locker? "Or drive them scattered, and litter the surface of the ocean with bodies," Juno had implored Aeolus. It was time,

however, which had, little by little, littered the calm and strictly temporal ocean surface with parts of ideas. Little bits of thought lay marooned on some desert island, or left on some remote reef, alone with the whirling wind, furious with sands.

The sailors of all time were here at one, "all seas, all ships," were involved and unified; no escape was theirs, and, alone with what thoughts they had salvaged they could hardly have recourse to any panacea of the spirit. "But unavoidable is the danger now", recited the Captain mournfully. Old as Methuselah, he had enough time to learn, but still those elementary blunders of navigation continued. There was an island, somewhere, he knew, where the Ecliptic met the Aurora Borealis; here every prospect pleased, and not even man was vile. Here there would be rest; this was to him and to his crew more than Latium, more than Utopia itself.

More than Utopia! A pun or a slogan? Who was the captain to brood? History's contrived passages were no trap-holders to him, but one gigantic maze, where there was no easily-discovered formula. He could not merely keep to the right, as in Heavenly Hampton Court; nor could he keep to the left, as in Elysian Edgware Road. He had to have his money as well as his support (strictly *moral*, of course!!). In any case, what signpost was there on this sea? His only chance of direction was to placate the fish, one of whom might perhaps poke its head out of the water, point it in the direction of Nirvana, and succumb from lack of oxygen, the supreme act of imagination having been performed the wrong thing for the right reason.

The world, however, is not perfect, and 'veto' is, as much as is 'tove,' an anagram of 'vote.' There were fish and fish, and when the captain went wrong, some shark would be sure to send a little fish up to die, while guiding him in the wrong direction even further. Perhaps it would be towards the icebergs, perhaps towards the whirlpools; the representative fish would perform "thine accepted sacrifice," die, and litter the surface of the ocean bed with bodies. The sharks, having slept, would then get out from under. Eventual wreck was as certain for the ship as was Humpty Dumpty's fall from the wall. Streets of traps awaited them, but the captain, who had been educated at the wrong university, could see nothing.

Is it seven-eighths of an Iceberg which is below water-level, or eight-ninths? It matters a great deal, because it provides the answer to the question whether one-seventh or one eighth of the sub-aqueous ice failed to survive the impact. The air there was too cold and clear for albatrosses; sufferings were the causes of *their* wreck. The captain, a king without a kingdom, was not even able to be a Fisher king in these cold climates, for whales were rather big for the little rod and worm with which he had been

accustomed to fish. So, wounded in the loins by the wreck, he admitted *inimicum imbrem*. His vessel, as silent as a painted ship upon a painted ocean, stayed there imprisoned between two folds of the iceberg. Yet there was no "wailing and gnashing of teeth;" the captain was dead, but the crew were not dressed in Lincoln green, freed of the incompetent who had been little more than an encumbrance, they could sail on to a future strong and great.

What! Had Dido been transported to the sky? What was that constellation in whose direction the swimmers seemed irresistibly drawn? For the crew left the wreck, if not a rack, behind them. What a sight she made, slowly sinking into the reflection of an evening sky! Unlike those of the Royal George, her timbers were not sound, and she would not rise again. The swimmers "know and do not know" that they are to construct their own paradise. See them now, swimming south to the Kilda of their dreams. Is it to be here a schizophrenic, there an Oedipus (complex?) Is it to be here a bourgeois deviationist, there a Stakhanovite? Or is it to be here a Tom Hobbes, there a Bishop Berkely? Or perhaps here a Catholic, there a Protestant—both, like Henry VIII, for purely private, personal and political reasons? Or is there something different for which these men can hope?

They swim in to the distance; their strokes become slower, and fatigue begins to show on their much-tried faces. They leave behind them the Ship of State as they always knew it, and move onwards to a place unknown, where they can think out an ideal society. For there will be no empiricism for them. Only if they are successful will they bring the good men and women—who have forgotten their many failures, but not quite forgiven them—to live on the island, and other islands like it. They may try Rousseau's simple life, for which capitalists so thirst when there is a panic on Wall Street—"somebody asked for cash in dollars"; they may try Marx's complex and brilliant Diagram, with its intricate system of checks and balances; they may try the theories of Tom Paine, or they may try those of Moses, which he so cleverly induced God to set down upon two tablets of stone. They had better try a lot of things, for a short time each; there is not much time.

They have to deal with immediate problems first, however. There are numerous little green islands, but they would rather drown than choose the wrong one. Their strokes are getting weaker, but they are buoyed up by the knowledge of the labyrinth of choice they desire which is so much clearer than the Captain's maze, and whose paths are made of so much more durable material. When they reach their destination—if they do reach it—they must attain perfection quickly. "Short, short is the time."

I hope they find their island.

Correspondence

LETTER FROM AMERICA

30th May, 1953.

Williston Academy,
Easthampton, Mass.

This really has been a wonderful year. My dominant impression is that although we hear that the American education is much more elementary than ours, it is actually quite thorough. I have had to work hard on most of my subjects all the year. However, a student enters college with only a fifth-form knowledge of science, and a first-year sixth level in modern subjects, and stays there for four years.

This particular school lays quite an emphasis in a well-rounded character, and I have found many opportunities for "extra curricular activities." I was in the fourth American football team, the first ski team, and I am now in the second tennis team, and have played for the first team. A Siamese student and I have provided all the pictures for the school newspaper, and I took part in the activities of our Dramatic Club, which put on four 1-act plays in the fall, and a 3-act comedy in the winter term.

I was amazed to see the success of my class-mates in their applications to the American Colleges. 13 out of 15 who applied were accepted at Yale, and one of the best students here got a very large scholarship to Princeton. The school has a record of above 95% of the graduating class going to college. Graduation comes next week. They pay a great deal of attention to it, as much as we pay to Speech Day. The standardization of the education system is shown by the way that everybody graduates four years after they start, taking very definite studies for those years. In the Senior year, for instance, the student must take a language, English 4, physics or chemistry, if he has not already taken it.

Although this is the part of the U.S.A. that is most like England, I have noticed much sharper changes in the weather than at home. It was much warmer here when I arrived, then it got much colder in the winter, and after a phenomenal rainfall even for Massachusetts, the temperature is way up in the 80's already.

I have made some very exciting plans for the summer. I have bought a second-hand car, and I intend to tour the country in it with my Siamese friend. We shall buy a tent, and thus save the very large expense of hotels and motels across the country. We have permission from the immigration authorities to work when necessary. We are going to drive straight out to Chicago, and then take more time to get to Seattle, Washington. Then we are going to California. We are going to spend the month of July there. After that we will slowly cross the South to Florida and then go through Georgia to Kentucky and Washington D.C. I am

sailing from New York on 16th September with the U.S. boys who have the E.S.U. scholarships for next year. There is one boy from Williston who is going to St. Lawrence's, Ramsgate.

I have found the boys here to be just the same as the ones at H.A.H.S., but they are used to a higher position in the world. America gives its youth a much more important position in society than is true in England. Most of the boys here already enjoy the privileges of adults, many even have their own cars. While here I have made many firm friendships that I will treasure for a long while. I spent my vacations at one of my friend's houses in Marblehead, near Boston on the Atlantic coast.

Naturally, I shall be sorry to leave this country, but I am looking forward to being a foreigner no longer, and, quite honestly, to being back at school for a term.

MICHAEL C. GINN.

LETTER FROM TASMANIA

39, Brooker Avenue,
Moonah, Hobart,

27th February, 1953.

Tasmania, Australia.

It is almost a year ago since I left Haberdashers. I have settled down here perfectly well and am now attending the Hobart State High School. The present school year started on February 2nd, and I am now in A class, which corresponds to the sixth form, and I shall be sitting for the Matriculation Examinations in December.

The examination which corresponds to the English General Schools, Ordinary Level, is called the Schools Board Examination. The subjects which are taken are each worth a certain number of points, and a minimum of seven must be obtained to secure a Schools Board Certificate. I took a course of study which was worth eleven points, and it was arranged thus; English Expression 1 point, English Literature 1 point, French 2 points, Social Studies (History and Geography) 2 points, General Science A (Physics and Chemistry) 2 points, Mathematics II 2 points, Mathematics III (advanced maths for those going into A class) 1 point. The certificate cannot be gained without a pass in English Expression. The pass mark in all subjects is fifty per cent, while in *two* point subjects, a lower pass at forty per cent, is given, but this is worth only one point. Out of a possible eleven points, I managed to get nine, having failed in Mathematics III with forty-six per cent, and a lower pass in French. Most of the people with me were doing a thirteen point course as they were doing Art, German, or Latin, and these were subjects which I could not take up as I arrived in June, and had already missed a term's work.

For Matriculation, I am studying four subjects, Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics A (continuation of Mathematics III) and Applied Mathematics. For Matriculation, it is necessary to have three higher passes and two lower passes. Schools Board higher passes can be counted as Matriculation lower passes, provided they are not subjects which are being studied in A class. To illustrate this, the Schools Board higher passes which I shall count are Social Studies and English Literature. If I am successful in gaining my Matriculation, I hope to go to University to study mechanical engineering.

I hope I have explained the system of examinations fairly clearly, because I found it rather difficult to understand at first, and I have only sketched a brief outline of it. Schools Board Examinations are held externally or internally. External Examinations are set up by the University, and Internal Examinations by the school, but the papers are inspected by University officials. Our examination was set internally. The Matriculation, however, is controlled completely by the University. This system of education applies only to Tasmania, since all the states throughout Australia have their own systems.

Although the school is of the co-educational type they still have activities such as army and air-force cadets, and a move is being made to introduce naval cadets. I am now a sergeant in the army cadets and am at the moment waiting for confirmation of my promotion to Cadet Under-Officer.

I took up rowing as a sport with the school about seven months ago, and we have excellent opportunities for rowing on the River Derwent, which is very near at hand. On March 6th, and 7th, I am going to Launceston in the north with the school second crew to row in the Inter-High School race for Tasmanian High Schools.

My main activity outside school is with the Senior Sea Scouts. Right throughout the summer, we have been sailing in races with one of the sailing clubs, almost every Saturday. I always used to regard this as a sport which is enjoyed by only the privileged few, but this idea has been completely dispelled now.

Although I have been here for some time now and have settled down very well, there are quite a few things about the "old country" which I miss. One thing which struck me right from the beginning was the large number of English people who have come here since the end of the war, and this seems to add a rather homely atmosphere to the place.

I was especially pleased when Ian Rickwood sent me a copy of the first "Skylark" of 1952, and I must have read it about four times because it gives me great pleasure to be reminded of the people with whom I spent almost six years.

KEITH R. BURREN.

Valete

SPRING, 1953

VI a	Modern	...	...	J. M. Newton
VI b	Modern	...	...	H. S. Cohn
				D. J. F. Fullock
VI b	Science	...	...	S. Irving
LV b		...	...	D. H. Lincoln
IV b		...	...	J. C. Grover
2 b		...	...	P. C. Grover
1 s		...	...	B. R. Pickard
Prep.		...	...	E. Boyle

COHN, H. J. (1947-53)—VIb Modern. Calverts. G.C.E. O. Level, 1952. C.C.F. (Army Section). Cpl. Cert "A" Pts. I and II (War). Armourers' Course, Mill Hill, 1952. Colchester, 1952. Junior Leaders' Course, Pirbright, 1953. Chess Club. Chess Team, 1950-51-52-53. Winner, London Under 16 Chess Championship, 1952. Middlesex Junior Chess Team, 1953. Literary Society. Fives Club. Sociological Society.

Home Address: 59 Etchingham Park Road, Finchley, N.3.

HARRIS, E. B. (1949-53)—VIb Modern. Meadows. G.C.E. O. Level, 1952. Stamp Club (Secretary) 1952. C.C.F. (Army Section), L/Cpl. Cert "A" Parts I and II (War). Empire Test (Marksman). Bisley, 1952-53. 1st Shooting VIII, 1952-53. 1st Miniature Range VIII, 1953. House Shooting team, 1952-53. Army Section Shooting team, 1952-53. C. C. F. Band, 1951-53 (Drummer). House Cricket XI, 1953. Tennis Club, 1951. Saas Fee, 1952. Bronze Medal.

Home address: 107, Leaside Crescent, Golders Green, N.W.11.

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Solution to Autumn Crossword

See page 314, Vol. XVII, No. 122.

ACROSS

3. Homestead.	18. Normal.	29. Divan.
7. Havana.	20. Socket.	30. Wedge.
9. Armada.	22. Oral.	33. Negotiable.
10. Transplant.	23. Lama.	36. Stoker.
13. Eyrie.	24. Editor.	37. Impale.
16. Slope.	27. Vandal.	38. Preselect.

DOWN

1. Matador.	12. Alps.	25. Ice.
2. Dais.	14. Yeoman.	26. Ring.
3. Hail	15. Ink.	28. Diabolo.
4. Elate.	16. Sarong.	30. Water.
5. Tamer.	17. Athletics.	31. Dykes.
6. Addle.	19. Mot.	32. Enrol.
8. Strangers.	20. Savant.	34. Omit.
11. Pillars.	21. Can.	35. Imps.

A London Night (*With apologies to Thomas Gray*) by K.A.F.

The whistle blows the end of working day,
Crowded buses wind slowly down the street,
The navvy homeward plods his weary way,
And goes to bed to rest his weary feet.

Now fades the busy hum of London's streets,
And all the air a solemn stillness holds,
Save where late policemen walk their dreary beats,
And where a night-club, noisy people holds.

The frozen call of fog-bedulled morn.
The starlings twittering from Lord Nelson's head,
The postman's knock; or the motor-car's horn,
At last shall rouse him from his cozy bed.

Howlers

From a recent School Entrance Examination in General Knowledge

Q. What is the famous London fish market called?

A. (i) The Black Market. (ii) Bere Lane. (iii) Haymarket.

Q. Who is the new president of the U.S.A.?

A. IKE.

Q. What animal, living mainly in the water, looks very much like a large tortoise?

A. (i) A porkopus. (ii) A watertoise.

Q. What was Nelson's last battle?

A. Trafalgar Square (against the pigeons?—*Ed.*).

Q. What winged statue is usually in Piccadilly Circus?

A. Lord Nelson.

Q. Where are the special coins for the Coronation made in London?

A. Rale Meat.

Q. What is the Chief Police Headquarters in London?

A. Sots lenyard (obviously the place for drunks—*Ed.*).

HABERDASHERS' OLD BOYS' CLUB

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Forthcoming Events

Thursday, 1st October:—

President's Reception, Re-union, A.G.M. at the School, 7 p.m.

Thursday, 22nd October:—

H.O.B.C. Annual Dinner Dance at Hendon Hall Hotel.

Saturday, 5th December:—

School v. Old Boys Rugby Matches at Chase Lodge, 2.15 p.m.

Rugby Club Annual Dinner at Hendon Hall Hotel, 7 p.m.

Saturday, 6th February:—

Annual Dinner at the School, 6.30 for 7.0 p.m.

O.H. Sports Ground

At the time of writing, final completion of the new lease of the Ground from the L.C.C. is still awaited and until these formalities are completed it is not possible to go ahead with the plan for repayment of the existing £2,300 of 3½% first mortgage debentures issued by the Old Haberdashers' Sports Ground Ltd.

As most Old Boys are aware the ten-acre ground situated in Theobald Street, Borehamwood, Herts., provides three Rugby pitches and is at present wholly the responsibility and liability of the Rugby Club financially since that Club meets all outgoings and upkeep. But a Cricket Square is now being prepared so that the O.H. Cricket Club can use the ground next season and in due course it is hoped also to have the Tennis and Athletics sections as active users of the ground.

Meanwhile the Rugby Club has borrowed £2,000 from the Rugby Union to finance expenditure on the ground and the service and repayments on this loan are a heavy burden on the Club which must receive further support if it is to make ends meet. A drive to secure additional non-playing (or honorary) members of the Rugby Club is therefore being made, the minimum subscription for such membership being ONE GUINEA per annum. It is felt that many Old Boys who follow the Club's fortunes each week in the Press throughout the Season and who are not already honorary members may care to enrol when they realise how urgent is the need for additional support.

Subscriptions should be sent to M. J. Jackman, *Hon. Treasurer*, O.H. Rugby Football Club, 22, Crawford Avenue, Wembley, Middlesex.

A list of leading fixtures at Borehamwood in the coming season will be found under Rugby Club Notes.

Subscriptions

The Hon. Treasurer would appreciate early receipt of outstanding subscriptions. The current rates are as follows:—

Annual— 10s.

Five Year— £2 2s.

£1 10s. for the first five years' membership by a boy joining the Club on leaving School.

Life Membership—£7 7s.

It should be noted that only *playing* members of the Rugby Club are automatically members of the H.O.B.C. This does *not* apply to Honorary and non-playing members of the Rugby Club.

O.H. Rugby Football Club

President: S. E. PHILLIPS

Hon. Treasurer: M. J. JACKMAN,
22, Crawford Avenue,
WEMBLEY, MIDDX.

Hon. Secretary: A. G. JENKINS,
36, Fordington Road,
HIGHGATE, N.6.
TUDor 6011.

It is thirty years since O.H.R.F.C. started its career and in that time some hundreds of players have enjoyed their games for the Club and played for one or other of its five or six teams. But we see only a handful of them out at Elstree to support our home games and a comparatively small number continue to support the Club as non-playing members. We hope that the appeal for more honorary members of the Club made under the notes on the O.H. Sports Ground will find its way into the memories of an increasingly large number of former players. Only thus can the Club maintain the position which these former players themselves have built up for it in the past thirty years of its life.

This season N. R. Parker again captains the Club and with most of last season's players available we hope to enjoy a more successful season than last when the full team records were as follows:

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	
					For	Against
Ist XV	30	7	22	1	121	286
A XV	26	14	9	3	226	127
Ex. A	23	15	11	2	238	144
B XV	23	10	7	1	233	111
C XV	20	8	11	1	217	147
Ex. C	1	1	—	—	17	—
Totals	123	55	60	8	1052	815

Apart from one bad spell when four matches in a row resulted in heavy defeats the First XV had very even games and there were again numerous games so narrowly lost that they might well have gone the other way. The backs showed more potential scoring power than in the previous year but somehow the finish was still lacking and we hope this season will see a vital improvement.

On tour the game against Chippenham on the Good Friday was won, but Bridgwater pulled off a last minute win against the Old Boys after a gallant defence had held the Somerset Club to a point down throughout most of the game. On the Monday, Wiveliscombe in their own particular brand of mud again proved our undoing. A most enjoyable tour and the Good Friday witnessed yet another appearance for the First XV (his 314th) of M. J. Jackman who emerged from retirement to score a try.

May we dare to hope for more support at Borehamwood this season? The pavilion is comfortable and warm, there are teas and a bar, and this is the only meeting-place at which Old Boys are

really and truly on their home ground. The ground is in Theobald Street, Borehamwood, six minutes from Elstree Station (L.M.R.). Turn up Theobald Street, adjoining the "Crown" and the ground is half-a-mile up on the right hand side. A 141 Bus from Edgware Station, or 107 from Barnet Station or Green Lines 712, 713 go to the "Crown."

Home games at the ground this season are:

MATCHES AT THEOBALD STREET, 1953-54

1953		
Sept.	26	A XV v. Old Millhillians A.
Oct.	3	1st XV v. Old Dunstonians.
"	10	1st XV v. R.N.C. Greenwich.
"	17	A XV v. K.C.S. Old Boys A.
"	24	A XV v. Old Albanians 1st.
"	31	A XV v. Old Rutlishians A.
Nov.	7	A XV v. Sutton A.
"	14	1st XV v. London University.
"	21	A XV v. Old Cranleighans A.
"	28	A XV v. Old Merchant Taylors A.
Dec.	5	A XV v. The School at Chase Lodge.
"	12	1st XV v. Old Paulines.
"	19	A XV v. St. Barts Hospital A.
Boxing Day		
"	26	1st, A, and Ex. A XV's v. U.C.S. Old Boys.
1954		
Jan.	2	1st XV v. Streatham.
"	9	A XV v. London Welsh A.
"	16	1st XV v. Old Haileyburians (Morning).
"	23	A XV v. Saracens A.
"	30	1st XV v. Rugby (morning).
Feb.	6	A XV v. Middlesex Hospital A.
"	13	1st XV v. Exmouth (morning).
"	20	1st XV v. Birmingham.
"	27	A XV v. U.S. Chatham Ex 1st.
March	6	1st XV v. Old Emanuel.
"	13	A XV v. Old Askeans A.
"	20	1st XV v. St. Thomas's Hospital.
"	27	1st XV v. Old Whitgiftians.
April	3	1st XV v. Sidcup.
"	10	A XV v. Old Blues A.

O.H. Athletic Club

(Affiliated to the A.A.A.)

Hon. Team Captain & Chairman: J. G. STAGG, 70, Chambers Lane, N.W.10. *Tel.:* WILlesden 4186.

Hon. Secretary: B. A. GOODMAN, 42, St. Gabriels Road, N.W.2. *Tel.:* GLAdstone 5360

The Club opened the season with its annual Athletics Match versus the School on 5th May. Deprived of its junior members from the School, the Club had a very difficult task but managed to win by the narrow margin of one point, which reversed the position last year when the School beat the Club, likewise by one point.

Our next match was, unfortunately, cancelled, due, to put it mildly, to inclement weather flooding the track at Gayton Road, Harrow, on 16th June. On 22nd July, it is hoped to field a strong team against one of the main London Clubs—Shaftesbury Harriers at Parliament Hill Fields.

Finally, the Club is trying to arrange for an August match against Old Gaytonians, also one versus Eton Manor. It is not too late to join for the season, and any potential athletes are invited to communicate with either of the above Officers for the necessary information.

O.H. Cricket Club

Hon. Secretary:

R. M. SHELDON, 64, Cranley Gardens, Palmers Green, N.13.

The Cricket season started with much promise and although at the time of writing it is early days to pass judgement there are signs of a great improvement in the standard of play. G. Ward, the vice-captain for the season, scored 94 and 97 not-out in consecutive weeks, the latter knock being especially bright and largely contributing towards a good win against Totteridge. Of the five matches played so far, three have been won, one narrowly lost, and one spoilt by rain. Detailed results for the Season will appear in the next issue of THE SKYLARK.

Next year the Old Boys will be fielding two regular XI's and Home matches will be played at Borehamwood. The Hon. Secretary will be pleased to hear from members of the School who are leaving and from any other Old Boys interested in joining the Club.

Results to date:

East Barnet Old Grammarians	Scratched	
Pinner	141—144 for 8	Lost by 2 wickets
Sinclairians	136 for 4—134 for 9*	Won by 6 wickets
Totteridge	206 for 6*—106	Won by 100 runs
National Bank	94 for 4—91	Won by 6 wickets
Bank of England	63 for 5—119	Drawn
Old Merchant Taylors		

The following fixtures will be played at Chase Lodge.

The School	11th July
Mill Hill Village	15th August
Sinclairians	22nd August

O.H. Golfing Society

President: W. R. CLEMENS, F.C.A., J.P.

Hon. Sec.: S. THOMPSON, 30, Brookland Hill, N.W.11.

Tel.: SPE 4441.

Captain: S. E. PHILLIPS, "Elbury," The Ridgeway, N.W.7.

Our first meeting of the year was held on 9th May at Finchley Golf Club, the competition being won by R. Newman with M. Walshe a very close second.

It is proposed to hold two meetings per year, namely the first Saturdays in May and October. The next meeting will be held on Saturday, October 3rd, at the Verulam Golf Club, St. Albans. Details will be sent out to members in due course.

At the moment there are 35 members and anyone interested in joining should contact the Secretary.

O.H. Lawn Tennis Club

Hon. Sec.: P. FREITAG, "Roseberry," Hempstead Road,
Watford, Herts. *Tel.:* Gadebrook 2162.

At the time of writing there is not a great deal to report since rain interfered with the one fixture to date v. Heathfield Park who on the adjournment proved too strong for the Old Boys, at darts!

The winter season was quiet and, as many members of the Club were called upon to attend the Rugby Club's working parties at the opening of the summer season, Saturday afternoon attendances were affected and showed no increase on last year's.

A team has again been entered for the D'Abernon Cup and by virtue of a walk-over v. Old Stoics in the first round will now meet Old Uppinghamians in the second round.

At the Annual General Meeting in April the Committee was re-elected and F. A. Jackman took over the duties of Match Secretary from D. F. Foot. In addition to Heathfield Park, fixtures include Brondesbury, Wembley and Sudbury, and the School.

Prospective members are urged to contact the Hon. Secretary for information. It is not possible to canvass all those Old Boys who might be interested since this would include all those who have left over the past twenty-five years.

Haberdashers' Old Boys' Lodge, No. 3362

Hon. Secretary: J. N. GREEN, 37 Beaufort Road, Ealing, W.5.

Since the last notice of its activities appeared in THE SKYLARK, the Lodge has carried out its work according to its usual practice. Albert Strautmal was duly installed as Master by Fredman Ashe Lincoln Q.C., and served his year in a successful and accomplished manner. He, in turn, installed his successor and our present Master, Percy Brooker. Percy Brooker has been a keen supporter of the Old Boys' Club for more than thirty years and has been Registrar for some years. It is pleasurable to be able to record that William Charles Brett who has been so closely identified with every aspect of Old Boy activity for half-a-century has been honoured with Grand Rank. It is with no less pleasure that members note the fact that so many young fellows are attracted by the work of the Lodge.

The Secretary desires members and others interested in the Lodge to note that as from the middle of August his address will be as printed at the beginning of these notes.

O.H. News

News of the Old Boys and their activities will be welcomed by The O.H. Correspondent of THE SKYLARK, A. G. Jenkins, 36, Fordington Road, Highgate, N.6., or can be sent direct to the Editor at the School.

BIRTHS

BLESSLEY—On 28th May, 1953 to Anne, (née Roberts), wife of D. A. Blessley a daughter (Gillian).

STAGG—On 28th February, 1953, to Doris Joan, wife of J. G. Stagg, twin sons (Robert and James).

MARRIAGE

LAWRENCE-LINDSAY-SMITH—On 23rd May, 1953, at Jordan Hill Church, Glasgow, David Lawrence (1938-43) to Miss Margaret Lindsay-Smith.

DEATHS

BRETT, R. F.—On 29th September, 1952, who joined the School in 1876. He was a founder of the Haberdashers' Old Boys' Club in 1884, in conjunction with Mr. Scarf. His brother Mr. W. H. Brett, O.B.E., and later his son S. R. Brett, who died in 1944, were also at the School.

CROSSE—On 16th March, 1953, the death occurred at Guy's hospital of A. H. ("Tony") Crosse (1939-46) from heart failure.

HAMMOND—On 19th October, 1952, Major Jack Witney Hammond (1914-1924) aged 45. "Beefy" Hammond was a former member of the Rugger club and a personality who will be remembered by all his contemporaries.

ROGERS—At Christmas, 1952, Norman Rogers, Master of the Lodge and formerly an active member of the O.H. Rugger Club. A large number of members of these two O.H. institutions attended the Funeral Service at Golders Green.

PERSONAL

K. J. Rowe writes from Bathurst, Gambia, Brit. W. Africa, "I have been doing a bit of globe-trotting on business. So far O.H. have been absent from my wanderings although I did meet one and hear of another when I was in Bahrein. However, the world is not so large and perhaps my path will cross that of another O.H. in some far-flung outpost."

Sqdn. Ldr. J. R. Spiers has recently been appointed Officer Commanding No. 614 (County of Glamorgan) Fighter Squadron, Royal Auxiliary Air Force. He is one of the four sons of Mr. and Mrs. A. Spiers, all of whom are now serving in the Royal Air Force.

O.H. War Memorial Fund Appeal

Further subscriptions to the above Fund are gratefully acknowledged from the following:—

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Register

Hon. Registrar: P. C. BROOKER, 39/43, Hall Place, Paddington, W.2.

The Registrar is always pleased to have particulars of changes of address and other alterations in registration particulars. Old Haberdashers who have not completed a Registration Form should apply for one.

The following who are in the Register appear to have changed their address; the Registrar would be pleased to have news of them.

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G. A. Baker	previously of	" Cassells," Longhope, Glos.
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T. E. Cook	"	10, Woodford Crescent, Pinner, Middlesex.
A. R. Cottle	"	9, The Chilterns, Brighton Road, Sutton, Surrey.
A. H. Evans	"	79, Hillside Road, Northwood, Middlesex.
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E. J. B. Standerwick	"	26, Wardle Road, Sale, Cheshire.
A. E. G. Styles	"	117, Acton Vale, W.3.

Thanks are due to those who wrote before forgetting, and thus put two members back on our circulation list. It would be appreciated if *you*, also, wrote now! Thank you,

"The Skylark"

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Our Contemporaries

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A Salute to a Wonderful Old Lady

Mrs. Edith Marion Freeman was a hundred years old on Saturday, 24th January. She is the mother of nine children and her six sons were educated at the School, some of them at Hoxton and later, after its removal in 1903, at Hampstead.

Mr. Donald Freeman, the eldest son, was at Haberdashers from 1886 to 1891 and went into the family business. Mr. Edward Freeman who was at School from 1886 to 1895 became an electrical engineer and contractor.

The third son, Sir Ralph Freeman, who was at School from 1888 to 1897, designed the great Sydney Harbour Bridge and died two years ago.

The fourth son, Mr. Arnold Freeman, attended the School from 1892 to 1904, and at the age of 76 is still a Director of the Sheffield Little Theatre and Warden of the Sheffield City Settlement.

Mr. Peter Freeman, the fifth son, is Member of Parliament for Newport (Mon), and was at the School from 1895 to 1906.

Mr. Frank Freeman, the youngest son, attended the School from 1897 to 1907 and is now a distinguished architect.

The span of time covered by the Freeman family at the School is therefore 22 years, and the aggregate total 56 years.

The father of the Freeman family, Mr. George James Freeman, opened a tobacco shop in 1837 in St. John Street, Hoxton, and later added a tobacco factory. He became Chairman of a Committee which resisted American domination of the tobacco industry and which eventually became the Imperial Tobacco Company.

At the age of a hundred, Mrs. Freeman is still active and spends most of her time letter writing and knitting. She has 22 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren.

A WONDERFUL OLD LADY



MRS. EDITH FREEMAN, 100 YEARS OLD ON 24TH JANUARY, 1953.
MOTHER OF SIX OLD HABERDASHERS.

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